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DORCHESTER'S police station is to remain closed to callers, despite others in the county being saved.

The news that the closure will be permanent comes as Dorset police and the Police and the Crime Commissioner revealed that six out of 12 station counters earmarked for closure have now been saved.

A lack of public protest and almost zero response from local councillors means that Dorchester will now be the only county town in the south west not to have a service where people can walk off the street and see a police officer without an appointment.

Town councillor, David Barrett, a retired police officer, was one of only a handful who opposed the closure, warning that it could lead to a drop in the number of people reporting crimes and a reduction in public confidence in the force.

He said this week he was "bitterly disappointed" at the decision not to reprove Dorchester's front counter service, but could understand the financial argument.

"It obviously wasn't priority number one for people.

"For the county town it's detrimental but

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money has to be saved and if the police have the figures which show it wasn't being used we will have to accept that.

"I only hope they can now make some form of alternative contact point, possibly in one of the council offices."

Dorchester's enquiry desk hours had been reduced last year following the retirement of a long-serving member of staff and averaged only eight visitors for each weekday it was open.

Town councillors were told that in 2013 there were around 1,700 visits to the front counter at Dorchester Police Station, compared to 4,500 in 2009.

Dorset Police say the low numbers calling at the Dorchester station

justify the decision and point out that officers from the Safer Neighbourhood team are frequently available at the town library, at Poundbury and even in Tesco's foyer. They are also contactable by phone, email and even via Twitter and Facebook.

Officers will still be able to be visited at the Dorchester station – but people will need to make an appointment in advance.

Originally the police sought to close 15 front enquiry desks across the county in an effort to save money.

In a statement this week the police said: "However, following public feedback and

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■ CLLR David Barrett outside Dorchester's police station, now closed to walk-in visits

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**JULIE Storey was born in Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester, and went to school in Weymouth at the Convent of the Sacred Hearts before tackling a business studies course at Weymouth College.**

**She was also a semi-professional dancer for Pontins Holidays South West and, after completing training as a dance teacher, went on to form her own hugely successful dance school.**

**Julie is still principal of the school which is now run by her daughter, Rachel.**

#### ● Why do you live in Weymouth?

Because it is picturesque and, for a small place, it has a great variety of performing arts and a great music scene which I am very interested in.

#### ● Where do you go for your holidays?

I went to Colorado for my last holiday because, next to Weymouth, it is my favourite part of the world. The Rocky Mountains are so beautiful.

#### ● What is your favourite time of the year?

Spring because the days are getting longer and it promises us that summer is on the way.

#### ● What is your favourite film?

Dances With Wolves because I like the scenery and the feel-good storyline of a white man interacting with the Indians.

#### ● What is the scariest thing that has ever happened to you?

Getting a moth caught in my long hair which has given me a phobia about the blessed things! I was only about 11 at the time and it flew in and started madly fluttering when it got caught in my hair. I screamed and my mother came and got it out, but I am now scared of moths.

#### ● If you could live your life again what would you be?

I would probably be a famous and successful person in worldwide performing arts because that means I could be a singer, a dancer, an actress or a director. These are my passions.

#### ● Which three people would you invite to your dream dinner party?

Sean Connery because I am a James Bond fan, Gene Kelly because I am a big fan of his dancing and the Dalai Llama because I think he would be interesting.

#### ● What would you do if you won the Lottery?

I would share the money between my family and loved ones, pay off all their debts and take us all on holiday.

#### ● What do you hope the future holds?

Good health, good luck and good happiness for myself, my family and friends.



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# From newspaper boy to aspiring top chef

THE head chef at Maiden Castle House care has entered a national cooking competition.

He will compete in the Care Cook of the Year 2015 regional finals in March followed, if successful, by the national competition in June.

Richard Sands was nominated for the competition by Director of Care Services at Care South, Graham Brittain, and is hoping to impress the judges with his delicious main course of 'Chicken à la King' followed by his 'Queen of Puddings' dessert.

Richard started working at the care home in 1999, washing up in the kitchen. Before this, he used to deliver newspapers to the home and got to know some of the residents and staff. He started work at the home after a comment from the assistant manager on a rainy day who suggested to Richard that he may prefer a job in the dry. In

2011 Richard was promoted to head chef.

Richard said: "I'm very excited about this competition and really hope I'll get the chance to take part in the regional cook-offs against other chefs working in the care sector."

"I work hard to provide residents with nutritious, delicious meals and to make sure I'm preparing dishes that they like. It's very important to me that I talk to the residents, to find out their favourite foods and incorporate them into the menu."

Clare Baker, Home Manager at Care South's Maiden Castle House said: "We've all got our fingers crossed for Richard and wish him the best of luck in the competition."

"He is a very dedicated member of staff at Maiden Castle House and we are all big fans of his cooking."



■ **ASPIRING** Head chef  
Richard Sands

The NACC Care Cook of the Year competition is one of the longest standing independent recipe competitions in the UK. It continually challenges people who operate in the care sector to devise new and exciting recipes whilst adhering to a strict budget and to excel in their day to day catering environments.

## Bedroom tax leaves tenants in 'significant hardship'

CHIEF executive of Magna Housing Association, David Aldwinckle told district councillors that a number of the association's tenants had been left in 'significant hardship' due to the changes, and the subsidy removal had exacerbated the situation for those already in arrears.

He said that to try and relieve the situation the association has encouraged people to undertake mutual exchanges and housing transfers.

He said that one-bedroom properties were in demand but there was a low demand for rural properties.

The Conservatives 'bedroom tax', which was introduced in April 2013, restricts housing benefit for those perceived to have 'extra' bedrooms. Its effect is to cut housing benefit by 14 per cent for those with one additional bedroom and by 25 per cent for those with two or more spare bedrooms.

At the moment West Dorset District Council is able to give discretionary housing payments to housing benefit claimants affected by the changes.

At the end of December, the district council awarded 273 discretionary housing payments, spending £108,406; an average of just under £400 for each claim. A government grant of £124,189 was awarded to West Dorset last year to help alleviate the removal of the subsidy.

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intervention from the Police and Crime Commissioner this proposal was changed, resulting in fewer closures and the re-allocation of staff in order to preserve some counter services, with six rather than 12 now closing."

"The new approach, originally planned for September, will now take effect before the end of this financial year in order for the force to continue to open more counters than originally intended while meeting the continued reductions in government funding."

The police say that the closures will result in savings of approximately £300,000 - the equivalent of six front line officers or ten police community support officers. The revised arrangements, which come into effect

from March 1st, will be displayed at all six stations, with an overview provided on the Dorset police website.

Chief Constable Debbie Simpson said: "Changes of this nature are understandably emotive and we continue to work with our partners to ensure that we meet our true demand within our budget constraints."

"Unfortunately, that simply means we can't maintain such a costly and under-used service at the expense of other local policing."

"We have listened carefully to members of the public and retained services where they are most needed."

"Closing front counters does not mean that a police station is closed and officers continue to work there. Meanwhile negotiations are underway with local councils and

other partners in order to provide alternative contact points for the public. These contact points will be introduced throughout the summer in accessible community locations such as libraries, community centres and council offices. They will provide online services, 101 telephone access and crime prevention information. Full details of local contact points will be announced once final arrangements are in place.

In Dorchester talks have been held to create a police contact point at South Walks House, the headquarters of West Dorset District Council, less than a quarter of a mile from the police station.

At the time of publication of this week's View from Dorchester no one was able to comment on whether

or not Dorchester would have an alternative contact point.

Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill said: "This decision has been one of the most challenging faced by Dorset Police since I was elected as Dorset's PCC and, needless to say, it is not one that has been taken lightly."

"I know that closing six front office counters are six too many, but we have to meet our cuts somewhere

## Another national award for DCH



■ **MEMBERS** of the stroke team with their Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme certificate

DORSET County Hospital (DCH)'s stroke team has been recognised nationally for its work to improve services for patients.

The team was praised by representatives of the Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP) at the UK Stroke Forum. They received a runners-up certificate for a case study they presented on how they have used an audit tool to improve quality and service improvements.

Lauren Ensor, SSNAP Project Coordinator, said: "SSNAP has come a long way since data collection first began in December


2012 and it is heartening to see examples showing that not only the quality of data being submitted is robust, but also that teams are using their data and reports to improve services and care for their patients."

DCH Stroke Nurse Consultant Sara Leonard said the results were reassuring for both staff and patients: "We get compared to everyone who uses the national stroke audit tool."

"It allows us to see where we can make improvements and also where we are doing well."

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# County council agrees to 1.99% council tax increase

DORSET County Council will increase its share of the council tax by just under two per cent next year to help protect vital services to the county's communities.

Without an increase the council would need to find further savings on top of the £15m already needed in 2015-6.

A drop in the main grant the council receives from central government, as well as reductions in other specific grants, means that the council will need continue to find significant savings in coming years. This is on top of savings amounting to £60m which have already been taken out in recent years.

The council's Forward Together Transformation programme has identified

savings of £14.7m for 2015-6 and the shortfall of £532,000 will be funded from the collection fund surplus.

Council leader Robert Gould said: "There continue to be tough choices to be made as we strive to deliver the services that our residents tell us they value, with ever reducing funding."

"The budget I have set out today is challenging but we are ambitious and optimistic for the future. "The drive for efficiency must continue. It is also important that we work closely with all of our public service partners in Dorset to make public funds go further."

One example of working with partners is the local authority trading company being set up in the summer by Dorset,

Bournemouth and Poole to deliver a range of adult social care services.

Cllr Gould explained that it was no longer prudent to accept the council tax freeze grant that enables councils not to increase the tax, saying that it was made available "at the whim of government".

He added: "I believe this modest increase in council tax is an acceptable way to avoid a further £1.8 million cut in the base budget. If we are to realise our vision for more independent local government, we need to raise more of our own income locally."

Cllr Gould also outlined plans for capital spending, which include £2m towards road repairs, the top priority for

local people.

The council also heard in December that its transport funding allocation is £2m better than expected.

And Cllr Gould described how the county council is changing the way it works, supported by better technology, to make better use of its buildings and release those it no longer needs to save on running costs.

The council will also be supporting local schemes in communities by continuing to fund member budgets, giving each councillor £5,000 to allocate to initiatives in their patch.

The budget and the council tax rise were supported by all political groups.

## Martyrs attraction needs trustee

A FINANCE trustee is needed to help steer the development of a new Shire Hall attraction in Dorchester.

The proposed attraction features a historic courtroom and cells, where the Tolpuddle Martyrs went on trial and Thomas Hardy sat as magistrate, as the centrepiece of a £2.9m justice-themed permanent exhibition.

West Dorset District Council has already committed £1.1million to the project and with the London Dorchester Committee Trust, has submitted a bid to Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

The proposal, which has planning permission, has already passed HLF round one approval and a final round two funding decision is expected this summer.

Ideally a chartered accountant, the finance specialist would join six other unpaid expert trustees on the board of the trust, which is a registered charity.

London Dorchester Committee Trust chairman John Russell said:

"This is an exciting opportunity to get involved in a unique project which will bring to life the trials that happened in Dorset in years gone by."

"It's a vital role and



A COURT room in Shire Hall

we're looking for someone with experience, skills, and expertise in financial management, asset management and property law, as well as an understanding of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship.

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# Books on prescription for dementia sufferers

THE latest phase of an initiative designed to support people with dementia and their carers was launched in Dorchester last week.

The town's library and learning centre hosted the launch event for the 'Reading Well Books on Prescription' scheme – a countywide initiative which aims to improve public understanding about the condition and the challenges faced by those affected by it.

Dorset has some of the poorest rates of dementia diagnosis in the country, with around three quarters of people who are suffering with the disease not diagnosed.

Visitors were invited to Dorchester to learn more about the illness by testing themselves in activities designed to stimulate memory, as well as more unusual forms of support therapy, such as seated dance classes and singing for the brain.

A range of organisations, including the Alzheimer's Society, were also on hand to offer help and advice during the launch of the scheme, which will run in conjunction with libraries across Dorset.

Now in its second year, the national scheme has already helped over 275,000 people with common mental health conditions feel better through self-help reading.

A total of 25 titles, providing quality information, advice and support for those affected by dementia, are now available from any of the county's libraries.

The books offer guidance on early memory loss along with practical help for carers with suggested activities to help people remain active and independent for as long as possible.

"Our libraries are playing a significant role in helping to build a dementia-friendly community across

Dorset," said Councillor Colin Jamieson, Dorset County Council's cabinet member for community services.

"Dorset has the worst rates of diagnosis: three quarters of people living with dementia do not have a diagnosis, compared to a national average of 60 per cent.

"We also want to promote the benefits of an early diagnosis, which is vital so people can access appropriate treatments that are available, as well as support and advice to enable them to live well with the condition."

Cllr Michael Bevan, the council's 'champion' for mental health, added: "Better awareness and understanding of the condition is clearly needed, so I would urge anyone wanting to learn more about dementia to visit their local library and ask about the 'Reading Well Books on Prescription' scheme."

# Special constables wanted by police

THE POLICE are seeking volunteers from Dorchester to 'make a difference' by becoming Special constables.

'Specials' are volunteer police officers who have the same powers as regular police officers, wear the same uniform and are issued with the same equipment. Last year Dorset police welcomed 92 Special Constables to the force.

Launching the new recruitment drive, Chief Constable Debbie Simpson said: "Having the heart of our community working with us provides an important opportunity for you to influence the way we police our county.

"Volunteering in these roles will be exciting, challenging, rewarding and offer a chance for you to bring your skills, knowledge and experience to help keep local communities safe.

Special constables in Dorset get involved in a range of day-to-day policing activities, including patrol work, community events, targeted operations and specialist training. There are special constables dedicated to traffic, marine and rural policing as well as general patrol duties.

A special constable is asked to work an average of 16 hours a month, but the working hours are flexible.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset, Martyn Underhill, said: "Becoming a volunteer special constable is a great way for you to make a difference in your community, while at the same time developing your personal skills.

"Special constables come from all walks of life but whatever your background, you will take pride from giving something back to the community of Dorset.

"I am constantly humbled and inspired by the commitment shown by special constables and will support you on your journey in becoming a special and in serving the people of Dorset."

# Museum opens new WWI exhibition

DORCHESTER'S Keep Military Museum's Trench exhibition has re-opened following a major refurbishment.

The four-year Heritage Lottery funded project was originally opened in July 2014 by former BBC correspondent and local resident Kate Adie, but has since been completely re-worked to give visitors an idea of what it would have been like to serve on the Western Front.

The Keep's Curator, Chris Copson, and Custodian, John Murphy, have been working with volunteers since Christmas to create an immersive experience of trench warfare.

"John and I have been busy recreating part of a trench for visitors to walk into and get an idea of how things looked from the point of view of one of our soldiers in 1915," said Chris.

The new trench features a Company HQ



■ MUSEUM trench: Dorset Keep Military Museum curator Chris Copson in WWI uniform in the re-created trench

and Other Ranks dugout as well as a section of frontline and communication trench. We hope that both chil-

dren and adults will be inspired by the Trench to learn more about the events of 100 years ago."



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## Crime round-up

### Stolen Renault Clio

POLICE are looking for a Renault Clio, stolen from Colliton Park between 10.30am and 5.00pm on Friday, February 6th, registration number WJ09 EAE.

Anyone who sees the vehicle is asked to call the police on 101, quoting crime number 5383.

## More cycle thefts

DORSET police are reminding cycle owners of the need to look after their property, securing machines with a good quality lock.

They say that during half-term and as the evenings get lighter the number of bikes being stolen tends to increase.

Ensure your cycle is locked up with a heavy-duty lock, or is secured within your property.

"If you are locking your bike away from your home, please lock your bike in a safe, well-lit area with a quality lock and to a secure locking point," said a spokesperson.

## Locals 'passionate' about five a day

LOCAL Tesco customers are amongst the best fruit and veg buyers in the country.

The supermarket chain says that their Dorchester shoppers buy fruit and veg more regularly than any other place in the country..

The information comes from a year-long data study into shopping habits.

Said Tesco spokesman Joe Chapman: "The map reveals Dorchester residents to be a great example to the rest of the nation for their real passion for fresh fruit and vegetables."

## Chequemates: working for local good causes

### £4,000 from Rotarians to various Dorset charities



■ ROTARY Sleigh presentation group

AROUND £4,000 has been presented to a number of local charities by Rotarians in Dorchester.

President Ian Dominy presented each with a cheque, the money having been raised from Santa's Sleigh collections in the run up to Christmas.

Each recipient in their message of thanks updated Rotary club members on their latest needs and requirements.

The recipients were: Rene Calcutt from the

### £1,400 from Buffaloes to breast cancer charity

LOCAL Buffaloes have presented a £1,400 cheque to the West Dorset Breast Cancer Support Group.

Royal Antediluvian Order Buffaloes members raised the money from a long-running raffle competition and other events, including a Trinity Club, Dorchester dinner and dance.

Provincial grand secretary for the Buffs', Les Cuff, said the West Dorset Breast Cancer Support Group was chosen by last year's chief officer Michael Spicer as the charity for the year.

Dorchester Disabled Club £500; Friends of Fortuneswell Cancer Trust £1,000; Molly Rennie, Women's Refuge Welfare Committee £500; Roy Hardy, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance £1,000; Alistair Chisholm, Friends of Ridgeway Radio £500 and Richard Coode, HomeStart West Dorset £500.

### £315 from Moose to Marie Curie

KATRINA Parry, President of Dorchester Moose Ladies Circle presented a cheque for £315 to Richard Crosby of the Dorchester and District Fundraising Group for Marie Curie.

The money was raised by the Circle to provide a gazebo for Marie Curie's local group to use for their events.

The Ladies have been raising money for Marie Curie over the last year.

Their next event is the Daffodil Fayre on Saturday, March 21st at the United Church, South Street, Dorchester between 10am and midday. It will be opened by the Mayor of Dorchester, Peter Mann.

## News in brief...

■ WEST DORSET HUMANISTS will hold their next Dorchester meeting on Thursday, February 26th at the Wessex Royale Hotel in High West Street, starting at 7.30pm.

It will include an illustrated presentation on humanist schools in Africa and India, given by David Warden, chairman of Dorset Humanists. Entry is £3. Everyone is welcome.

For more details visit [www.westdorsethumanists.org](http://www.westdorsethumanists.org) or email [westdorsethumanists@hotmail.com](mailto:westdorsethumanists@hotmail.com) or ring 07810 360700 or 07411 077058.

■ A QUIZ FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY will be held at St George's church hall on Thursday, February 26th.

The evening, which starts at 7.45pm, will include a light supper. Tickets are available by calling Dorchester (01305) 262668 or 262436.

■ POUNDBURY ART GROUP meet every Thursday at Martinstown Village Hall on between 10.00am and 12.30pm.

Members' abilities vary from complete beginner to semi-professional, and the group promising a warm welcome, encouragement and frequent demonstrations.

Annual subscriptions cost £10 with a £2.50 fee for each meeting attended.

For information call Betty Hoddinott on (01305) 262217 or email [Bhoddinott@aol.com](mailto:Bhoddinott@aol.com).

■ RAPTORS: Dorchester's American football team has started its practice sessions.

They are held each Wednesday from 7.15pm at the rugby club at the end of Coburg Road.

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# Ploughing match attracts tractors and ploughmen of all vintages

DESPITE overnight rain the 2015 Kingston Maurward Association annual ploughing match attracted 47 entries of modern and vintage tractors and ploughs.

The match was held on college land at Kingston Maurward on Saturday in good conditions, with college Principal Clare Davison presenting the awards.

There were ten classes and the winners were:

John Harris (Old Student Champion and first in two-furrow match plough), Geoff Smith (Match Champion and first in two-furrow vintage mounted), Robin Hawkins (Best Novice), Ian Cradock (first Vintage Champion trailed), Edward Legg (Junior Old Student champion), Alan Eustace (first in two-furrow classic mounted) and John Stockley (Horticultural Champion).



■ SOME of the winners: (l to r) Geoff Smith, Robin Hawkins, Clare Davison college principal, Ian Cradock and Edward Legg ©Brian Graham



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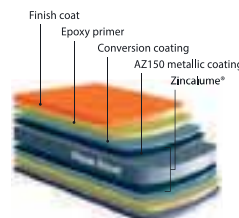
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## Help to manage your health problems

A NEW course on living with health problems starts in Dorchester in the coming weeks.

The team of coaches from the NHS service, My Health My Way, will be delivering the free course from Monday, March 2nd.


Anya de longh, the local coach in Dorchester said: "It is always amazing to see how people with very different health conditions find they have had similar experiences with symptoms and other challenges, emotionally or with their day to day life."

The course comes from a recognition that some people need a bit of extra support to get back on track or to make changes around diet and being more active, or help in dealing with feelings of anxiety and fears about the future if their condition gets worse.

One person who has benefited from the service is Tony: "I have found the service has made a big positive difference for me."

"The things that have really helped are setting specific goals towards the achievement of that improved quality, and real practical help in finding tools and organisations that can support me."

People can sign up for the course via the website [www.myhealthdorset.org.uk/Support-to-manage-your-health/](http://www.myhealthdorset.org.uk/Support-to-manage-your-health/) or by call 0303 303 0153.



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■ WINNING Puddletown team: Christy Dunn with pupils Katie Burg, Emma Torok and Olivia Cregg

## Puddletown's St Mary's has the best speakers

ST MARY'S Middle School at Puddletown has again won through to the district finals of a Rotary public speaking competition.

The local competition was organised by the Dorchester Casterbridge Rotary Club for 11 to 13 year olds from local schools.

"Why you should go to Germany on Holiday" was the winning topic with our picture showing Christy Dunn with pupils Katie Burg (speaker), Emma Torok (chair) and Olivia Cregg (vote of thanks).

Sunninghill Preparatory School in Dorchester were just beaten into second place with their talk, ironically entitled, 'It's not the winning but the taking part that counts'.

"It is truly amazing how these youngsters present themselves to an audience of mainly strangers and speak on a subject, often without notes, to such good effect," said Rowland Cornell, event organiser from the Casterbridge Club.

"The winning team's speaker spoke with great confidence and authority and her supporting members rounded off to produce a very polished overall performance."

## Marie Curie needs volunteers

THE newly formed Dorchester and District fundraising group for Marie Curie is appealing for additional volunteers to help with activities.

Their first venture is the Great Daffodil Appeal which is taking place during the whole of March.

A collection will be held at the Tesco store next Friday, February 27th and on Saturday February 28th in South Street.

Collectors will also be at the Galton garden centre on the March 7th with a final collection in South Street on Saturday, March 28th.

If you are able to collect for an hour or two at any of these places, please visit [www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodils](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodils) or call (01884) 703537

Other events include a collection starting from Martinstown village green on Saturday, March 21st at 11.00am.

On Saturday, April 18th, Dorchester Moose is holding a Winefest at Osmington Village Hall. The cost is £12.50 which will also include food, fun and entertainment. Transport will be available from Weymouth and Dorchester - contact Richard Crosby on 07879 692 369.

In June there will be Blooming Great Tea Parties or Coffee mornings when the group hopes that many individuals and organisations will support the project. Please contact secretary, Kym Glover on 07825 914 818 for details.

Anyone interested in supporting any of these events should contact Marie Curie community fundraiser Amy Salmon on (01884) 703537 or mobile 07872 424 497 or email [amy.salmon@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:amy.salmon@mariecurie.org.uk).

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# Your Letters

## Can we afford to investigate creating unitary authority?

■ **POPPED** into Titanic House last Tuesday to catch West Dorset District Council's all-important Cabinet meeting. Just to listen, of course, the public doesn't get to speak when big decisions are being made.

The meeting followed the familiar, time-honoured routine of nodding self-congratulation, this time sprinkled liberally – almost doggedly – with the term “good news”, perhaps for the benefit of the official minutes or the lone press reporter.

One agenda item, disposed of in under five minutes, concerned the establishment of the tri-council partnership, an arrangement by which the western half of Dorset will soon find itself awkwardly roped together.

This isolated sentence in the officers' report caught my eye: “The tri-council partnership is designed to deliver savings for the partnership of £6million by 2020.”

No Cabinet member drew attention to this, queried it, or sought clarification, so perhaps the meaning is plain enough: that over the next five to six years the resulting savings across

half our county should average about £1million per year.

Even more “good news”?

I'm far more impressed by De-loittes' 2007 prediction that, by going unitary, the whole county would save at least £20million per year. Pro rata, that's ten times as good.

Many other councils throughout England have already made or are now commissioning business cases in favour of going unitary; substantial savings are anticipated.

Yet Dorset County Council's current leader disdains this approach, asserting that it would not be a good use of public money.

Typically, the going rate for a professional investigation is about £50,000. Does that sound a lot? Put in perspective, it's just one-fortieth of what WDDC lost on the sale of Stratton House.

Could we afford to investigate unitary for Dorset? Can we afford not to?

*Chris Holmes,  
Dorchester*

Send your letters to View From Newspapers, Unit 3 St Michael's Business Centre, Church Street, Lyme Regis, Dorset DT7 3DB or email [edit@pemedial.co.uk](mailto:edit@pemedial.co.uk).

The views expressed in letters are those of the author and not necessarily of this newspaper.

## Public First meetings near you

Almost 400 people have signed up in an attempt to change the way west Dorset district council (WDDC) runs its business.

The Public First group collected 392 signatures in Dorchester recently and say they are now confident of getting five per cent of west Dorset residents to sign up, which would trigger a referendum on the cabinet system.

A packed public meeting last month called for an end to the system where a handful of Conservatives effectively control the council through the cabinet.

Public First plan to use the Localism Act,

2011 to trigger a referendum on a change to the committee method.

“We are a non-party-political organisation.

“We have offered petition forms to all the parties, and any individual or party can download a petition form from our website at [www.publicfirst-group.co.uk](http://www.publicfirst-group.co.uk),” said group spokesman John Grantham.

Drop off points for petitions have been set up in Lyme Regis, Bridport, Dorchester, Sherborne and Beaminster, with more sites to be added.

Under the terms of the Localism Act 2011 all signatures must be on paper.

The next Public First group campaign activities will be the public meetings in Bridport on Friday, February 20th and Sherborne on Friday, February 27th.

The issues being addressed are the application of cabinet government in WDDC and the opportunity for Dorset to investigate becoming a Unitary authority.

The speakers at both meetings include the five main parties' prospective parliamentary candidates, Oliver Letwin, MP (Conservative), Peter Barton (Green Party), Rachel Rogers (Labour), Ros Kayes (Lib Dems), and David Glossop (UKIP).

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### News in brief...

■ **MATERNITY SERVICES CONSULTATION** is being held in Dorchester next week.

The 'Maternity Voices' open event is being held at the Dorchester Children's Centre in Damers Road on Monday, February 23rd from 10.00am until noon.

Parents with children are welcome to attend. Call (01305) 213601 to help organisers know how many people to expect.

■ **CREATIVE COURSES** are about to start at the Whitfield centre, from digital photography to basic woodcraft, pottery, and basket making in willow.

The five, weekly sessions, start from February 23rd on Mondays and Wednesdays, and will be held in the early evenings with each class limited to either six or eight people.

Course costs £75. Further details from [www.craftsatwhitfield.co.uk](http://www.craftsatwhitfield.co.uk).

■ **A BALKAN ADVENTURE** is the subject of the next Thomas Hardy School Community Lecture, given by John Pilkington.

It will take place on Wednesday, February 25th. The talks are free, but places must be booked in advance from the school reception.

■ **BENEFITS ADVICE:** sessions will be held in Dorchester over the next few months with Age UK's welfare benefits team.

Advice sessions will be held on the fourth Thursday in each month between 9.00am and 12.30pm at Age UK Dorchester, with the next session being February 26th.

To make an appointment, please contact Age UK Dorchester on (01305) 269444.

■ **U3A'S MARCH MEETING**, (Monday 2nd) will include a talk and demonstration of antique musical instruments from the 19th and 20th centuries.

## Shaftesbury schoolgirl wins Dorset round of poetry competition

SEVEN finalists, aged between 14 and 18, from schools across Dorset, have competed for a place in the national finals of the 'Poetry By Heart' competition in March.

The event took place at County Hall, Dorchester and saw each student recite three poems from 'The Poetry By Heart' anthology, one published before 1914, one published after 1914 and one from the World War I.

Michelle Ezigbo, from Shaftesbury School impressed the judges to win the first prize, and will now go on to represent Dorset in the finals which will be held at Homerton College, University of Cambridge.

Runner up was Jacob Hulland also from Shaftesbury School. The other competitors included: Joshua Tenn from Highcliffe School, Emily Pardey from Glenmoor School, Bethan Miller, Highcliffe School, Bethany Kingsbury, Glenmoor School and Lottie Hyde, Beaminster School.

Judges included the writer Katherine Locke, Alice Budden an appren-

tice with Dorset Library Service and Lyn Gaudreau Education Services, Senior Advisor with Dorset County Council.

Sharon Kirkpatrick, senior manager at Dorset County Council Library Service, said: "The students all recited their poems to a very high standard and it was an enjoyable afternoon."

"The judges did not have an easy task selecting just one to represent Dorset at the Poetry By Heart national finals."

"We were honoured to have the Poet Laureate James Manlow reading his poetry and we also want to thank the judges for their tremendous input on the day."

Cllr Toni Coombs, cabinet member for children and young people at Dorset county council, thanked Tim Shortis from Poetry By Heart, and the library service for making the event such a success before she announced the winner.

She said: "I am very impressed by the effort and hard work of all the contestants. They brought the poems to life in their own individual and talented ways."



■ Cllr Toni Coombs with winner Michelle Ezigbo and poet laureate James Manlow

## Victorian fair at county museum

Dorset County Museum is hosting a free Victorian Fayre this Sunday, February 22nd, from 2.00pm to 5.00pm.

This event offers members of the public an afternoon of live demonstrations, entertainment and stalls.

Children and adults will learn about life in Victorian times – including reciting Dorset dialect words and be shown traditional rural crafts. There will be demonstrations of Dorset buttons, making bonnets, perfumery and net making. A variety of stalls will include Victorian children's toys and

popular parlour games. There will also be a Victorian Tea as well as a raffle and quiz.

Tim Laycock, well-known folk musician, actor and storyteller and other performers will provide traditional singing, music, dance and poetry reading throughout the afternoon.

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## News in brief...

■ **COMMUNITY FARM VOLUNTEERS** are needed for work this Sunday, February 22nd. Transition Town Dorchester says all helpers will be made welcome for a variety of tasks between 10.00am and 3.00pm.

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■ **STRATTON PARISH PLAN** will be discussed at a meeting in the village hall this Saturday, February 21st at 2.00pm will hear the results of the review and the plan, allowing residents to comment on the proposals.

Topics may include traffic, bonfires, village maintenance and social events, play area, dog fouling and A37 flooding.

After the public meeting, the full copy of the review will be available on-line at [www.strattondorset.com](http://www.strattondorset.com)

■ **UNITED CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT** on Saturday, March 21st will raise funds for the local Action for Children group.

Starting at 7.30pm tickets will be £5 adults, £2 under 14s, to include a cold supper.

Entry will be by ticket only, available from from this week at The Gallery, United Church, Charles Street Entrance.

■ **THE ORIGINS OF ROMAN DORCHESTER** and its development will be the subject of a talk to the Dorchester Association at the County Museum this Friday, February 20th.

Guests are welcome to attend the talk with archaeologist, Christopher Sparey-Green, with the meeting starting at 7.30pm. Doors open from 7.00pm for refreshments in the museum café.

## Youth theatre students write own play

DORCHESTER Youth Theatre members have developed their next production themselves from the 22-strong senior company.

Following on from the success at the National Theatre's Connections Festival, and last year's sell out performances of *The Crucible*, the group will be delivering their home grown production, 'in/tension', at the Corn Exchange on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th March at 7.00pm.

Youth Theatre Director Jo Simons used ideas from the cast for a theme, and then formed a storyline through improvisation and swapping ideas.

Said Jo: "This has been a huge challenge, not only is the company coming up with the ideas themselves but we are having to make sure that the story makes sense and flows well."

"I think the key to devising is to not be self-indulgent. It has been an exciting project and I am really proud of the maturity of the company throughout the process, it is probably the hardest form of drama. We are excited to share it with our audience."

The play addresses some sensitive and controversial issues, but still manages to involve humour with thought-provoking scenes.

Tickets are available from Dorchester Arts box office (01305) 269433 or online via [www.dorchesterarts.org.uk](http://www.dorchesterarts.org.uk).

Tickets will also be available on the door.



■ **JO Simons, theatre director with members of the company**

## Tickets on sale for Haydn's Creation

TICKETS are now on sale for Dorchester Choral Society's performance of Haydn's *Creation* on Saturday, March 21st.

It will be performed with a full orchestra and choir under the baton of guest conductor Colin Howard in St Mary's Church, Edward Rd, Dorchester at 7.30pm.

The work portrays the then accepted belief of God's work over six days, ranging from the moody, orchestral introduction of Chaos, the explosive birth of Light and then the

wonder of the World's birth.

The performance soloists will be Abbi Temple (Soprano), Ben Alder (Tenor) and Will Houghton (Bass Baritone).

Tickets cost £15, reserved in centre nave; £12 unreserved in the side aisles and are available from Harmony Music at the Forum Centre, Trinity Street, Dorchester, from choir members or by post from DCS Box Office, 1 Pitcote Lane, Dorchester DT1 3GH.

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## News in brief...

■ A **FREE JUGGLING WORKSHOP** is being held in the Corn Exchange this Friday, February 20th, organised by Dorchester Arts Centre with entertainers Circus Geeks.

The hour-long event for those aged 13 to 18, starts at 3.30pm prior to an evening performance by the group.

Although free to attend tickets are needed. There are available from Dorchester Arts Centre, the Tourist Information Centre or online [www.dorchesterarts.org.uk](http://www.dorchesterarts.org.uk), or by calling Dorchester (01305) 266926.

■ **BIRDS OF POOLE HARBOUR AND ARNE** is the subject of a talk by chairman of the Dorset Bird Club, Neil Gartshore, on Thursday, February 19th at St George's Hall.

The 7.15pm for 7.45pm meeting is being run by the South Dorset Group of the RSPB and will cost members £3, visitors £3.50.

Mr Gartshore is the author of 'Best Birdwatching Sites in Dorset' and is a guide for birdwatching holidays.

■ **CARERS MOVING FORWARD** group meets this week at the Acland Road day centre.

The Thursday 19th meeting is aimed at carers whose loved-ones have had to go into residential care, leaving them coping with a mixture of emotions including loneliness, guilt and a sense of loss.

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# Have your say on social care

DORSET county council is asking residents for their views on charges for social care ahead of changes introduced by the Care Act in April.

Although most of changes the Act will bring are legal requirements, there are some aspects councils can decide at a local level, which include:

- the level of certain charges that will apply for people who can afford to pay for services,
- the circumstances when the county council will give a refund to people who miss a service due to illness or other absence,
- charges for the carers' 'Short Breaks Service', and
- administration charges and interest rates that will apply to the new Deferred Payment Agreement (loan) scheme.

A public consultation is now underway, and the county council is

keen to hear from local people about the proposals before any changes are made.

Cllr Jill Haynes, cabinet member for adult social care at Dorset county council, said: "Designed to put people in control of their care and support, the Act represents the most significant reform in the law about adult social care for decades.

"It will place new duties and responsibilities on local authorities, including Dorset county council, about care and support for adults and their carers.

"The proposed policies aim to make sure we deliver the legal requirements of the Care Act, and also deliver the best possible care for Dorset residents."

"The county council's annual grant from the government is going down in real terms, whilst the demand for our services and

the cost of providing them is going up.

"We have to save £45 million by 2017-18, and want to spend what we have in the areas where people tell us it will make the most difference to them and the people they care for.

"As any changes will need to be in place by April, the consultation will end on 16 March. We want to encourage people to give us their views and ensure that the charging policies are fair and equitable to everyone.

"The results of the consultation will help us shape how the Care Act legislation is delivered at a local level."

Log onto [www.dorsetforyou.com/care-act-consultation](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/care-act-consultation) and complete the on-line survey.

Hard copies are also available in public libraries or you can call the county council on 01305 224646.

## Brewery Square's Odeon has 65% more customers



■ Dorchester Odeon manager Alan Escott

DORCHESTER'S Odeon cinema enjoyed a year of success in 2014, welcoming up to 65 per cent more cinema-goers compared to the same period in 2013.

Attendance peaked in August and December as a result of the summer and Christmas holidays. Since opening its doors in 2012, the Odeon Dorchester holds the title for the highest growth in attendance across the whole group in the UK.

The cinema puts this success down to the variety of content shown, which includes live broadcasts of National

Theatre, Royal Ballet and Royal Opera House productions as well as the latest movies, and its pricing structure which sees ticket prices at £2 on a Tuesday and start from £3 on all other days.

Alan Escott, general manager at ODEON Dorchester, said: "We couldn't have asked for a better end to 2014 and with this year's releases including Marvel, Jurassic Park, Star Wars and James Bond, 2015 is set to be just as brilliant.

Alan added: "Our ticket prices haven't gone up and are among the lowest in the UK."

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Molly's Den emporiums are spread along the South Coast and the director of the warehouses is now opening a new shopping experience in the beautiful West Bay harbour.

The new boutique market halls named The Customs House is set to open on April 1st and will be a unique shopping area in a beautiful listed building.

The space will bring together a fantastic selection of vintage, antique, contemporary, handmade and art traders as well as food sellers and market stalls.

This gorgeous new centre will also be home to a fantastic bistro serving locally sourced produce in a delicious menu.

Right on the sea front, this will be an exciting new shopping experience with spectacular views and is sure to be a bit hit in the picturesque town.

## Business support events across west Dorset

COMPANIES, shops and outlets had a chance to further their operation when they were invited to an evening with business support staff in Weymouth.

The event, organised by Weymouth & Portland council, was held in the Piano Bar at Weymouth Pavilion.

Spokesman Weymouth and Portland senior economic regeneration officer Trevor

Hedger said: "There are many organisations now which are delivering support services to businesses.

"Tonight was an opportunity for local businesses to see the range of support on offer from those organisations.

"That included Dorset Skills Hub, Dorset Growth Hub, Environmental Health and Licensing services from the borough

council, and many others.

"We hope that businesses which visited us now know where to get help for any problems they may have now or in the future.

"This was the second such event we have held, the first one being in Bridport, and we hope to make it a four-monthly meeting at venues across south and west Dorset."



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## News in brief...

■ **DORSET WILDLIFE TRUST:** regular work parties are being held each week around west and south Dorset.

The work will include scrub clearance, hedge laying and gorse coppicing.

For more information about the work parties contact Dorset Wildlife Trust warden Steve Masters on 07557 561624.

■ **WESSEX MILITARY BAND:** new members are being invited to join rehearsals.

The band, which performs at a variety of events during the year, rehearses at the Boys Brigade headquarters in Sawmills Lane, off Weymouth Avenue in Dorchester from 10.00am to 2.30pm on Sundays.

The next takes place this weekend on February 22nd, followed by other sessions on March 8th and March 22nd.

■ **CASTERBRIDGE MALE VOICE CHOIR** is inviting new members to come along to their weekly Wednesday practise evenings in St Mary's Church Hall, Dorchester from 7.15 to 9.30pm.

Further information about the choir is available by calling Bridport (01308) 897275.

■ **HALF-TERM EVENTS:** Dorset County Council's website has listings of family events taking place over the half-term break.

The site can be found at: [www.dorset-foryou.com/aboutfis](http://www.dorset-foryou.com/aboutfis) or call Dorchester (01305) 221066 for more information.

The council's family information service also offers support to parents and carers of children aged 0-19, or up to 25 for young people with a disability.

# Fire authority agrees 2p a week council tax rise

AT THEIR meeting on February 10th, Dorset Fire Authority members agreed a 1.89% rise in the council tax precept as well as receiving an update on the proposed combination with Wiltshire & Swindon Fire Authority.

Members also considered a progress report on work to join together both services' control rooms in the creation of a joint command and control centre.

During their meeting, members also heard from four of Dorset Fire and Rescue Services' operational firefighter apprentices, about how they were selected and how their training has progressed since joining the service in October 2014.

Chief Fire Officer Darran Gunter said: "I am delighted that the authority took this opportunity to meet our apprentices and hear about the work and training they have been undertaking."

"This service is extremely proud of the work we do with young people and our apprenticeship scheme is a great example of getting young people into work."

Chairman of Dorset Fire Authority, Councillor Rebecca Knox said: "I am very pleased that members voted for a small increase in council tax that was recommended to us."

"This increase in our base budget will help the fire author-

ity to continue to provide an excellent service for the communities of Dorset whilst also preparing for further reductions in funding from central government in future years."

Members received updates from officers on progress with the potential combination with Wiltshire & Swindon fire authority. Officers from both Dorset and Wiltshire are working towards the combination order being laid in parliament by 25th March.

Members were pleased with the updates and assurances to effect a smooth transition to a new authority and achieve projected financial savings.

## MP calls for more resources for Dorset police

RICHARD Drax, MP, in a speech to parliament during a motion to approve the Police Grant Settlement, (£66.82 million for Dorset in 2015-2016), warned that, "if year on year savings of six per cent are implemented, as predicted, Dorset could see the number

of police officers drop by 500, which is what it takes to police Bournemouth."

Dorset police had been at the "bottom of the funding ladder for years," despite paying a disproportionately large amount of council tax towards the police, Drax said.

"Now they are in the bottom quartile, so the situation has barely improved, and further savings will inevitably put pressure on the work that the police do," he added.

Drax paid tribute to the chief constable of Dorset, Debbie Simpson, the police and

crime commissioner Martyn Underhill and to Dorset's 1,200 officers and 156 PCSOs, saying, "We owe them a huge debt of gratitude and our thanks."

Drax ended by saying, "I hope that more money will become available as the economy recovers."

## Carton recycling banks reduced

THE number of recycling banks for cardboard cartons (TetraPaks) in Dorset has been reduced.

The Dorset Waste Partnership's contractor, Ace UK, has reviewed its banks in Dorset and removed them from seven lesser-used sites. There are still 14 sites in Dorset where residents can recycle cartons.

Banks have been removed from:

- Waitrose, Christchurch
- Church Farm, Sixpenny Handley
- Churchill Arms, Alderholt
- Station Road car park, Stalbridge
- Westport House, Wareham
- Durberville Hall, Wool
- County Hall, Dorchester

Locations of the remaining carton banks in Dorset can be found at [www.dorset-foryou.com/recycling-centres/mini](http://www.dorset-foryou.com/recycling-centres/mini)

Cartons, also known by the trademark TetraPak, are a composite of cardboard, foil and plastic. They are not currently collected using the Recycle for Dorset kerbside service as there are no nearby facilities that can process them.

This is expected to change when a new materials recycling facility shared by Bournemouth Borough Council and the Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP) opens within the next two years.

The DWP is working with contractors to ensure there are local facilities for recycling cartons in all districts of Dorset.

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### Boost for Bridport residents as new town solicitors become one of first in the UK to open on Saturdays

BRIDPORT residents had a boost in January after the opening of a solicitors which will become one of the only legal firms in the UK to open up on Saturdays.

Saul Kelleher opened his Pardoes branch in High Street, Bridport, a year after the award-winning solicitors launched another branch in the nearby Prince Charles' model village in Poundbury.

The Bridport branch has a unique bonus for residents as it's now open every Saturday - which is incredibly still extremely rare in the UK.

The expansion adds to the firm's three Somerset offices in Bridgwater, Taunton and Yeovil.

Saul said: "We are delighted to open a Pardoes branch in Bridport and to open up on Saturdays. For literally centuries, seeing a solicitor was a weekday kind of thing but people's lives are now much busier than they ever were before."

"So we at Pardoes in Bridport are adapting how we work to make sure our customers get the legal help they need, when they need it."

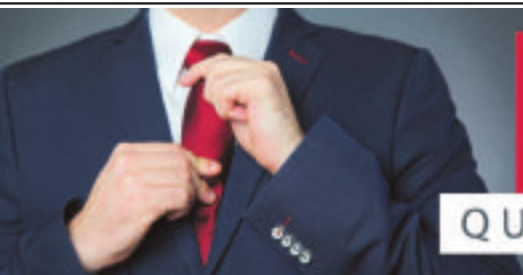
Saul is a well-known legal expert in the Bridport area with years of experience in helping local people.

Denys Rayner, Pardoes' Executive Chairman, said: "Our new branch will bring the quality and breadth of our legal services down to help more local people, and the Saturday opening will be a real help."

For more on Pardoes see [www.pardoes.co.uk](http://www.pardoes.co.uk)







# Business & Finance

QUARTERLY BUSINESS NEWS FROM WEST DORSET

## Apprentice Fair

# The Apprenticeship Fair 2015

March 9 2015 at 10:00 am – 2:00 pm- Weymouth College

Whether you are interested in becoming an apprentice and want to talk to real employers, or you are a local business who wants to find out more information on hiring apprentices, then the Apprenticeship Fair 2015 is just for you!

This unique event, held at Weymouth College brings together young people and businesses, and provides them with the opportunity to discover how they could both benefit from Apprenticeships.

Organised in partnership with Weymouth and Portland Chamber of Commerce and Richard Drax MP, the Apprentice Fair is held in two parts. Firstly it features a free employer exhibition area and young people will be able to talk to a range of Apprenticeship providers from a variety of industries and professions. If you are a business inter-

ested in exhibiting at the fair for free, please contact Patricia Bradshaw on 01305 208801.

Secondly the event features an opportunity to hear from a variety of speakers including apprentices, employers and our key note speaker Lord Digby Jones. Lord Jones has previously held a number of crucial roles within the business sector including, Director of the CBI, and British Ambassador at UK Trade and Investment.



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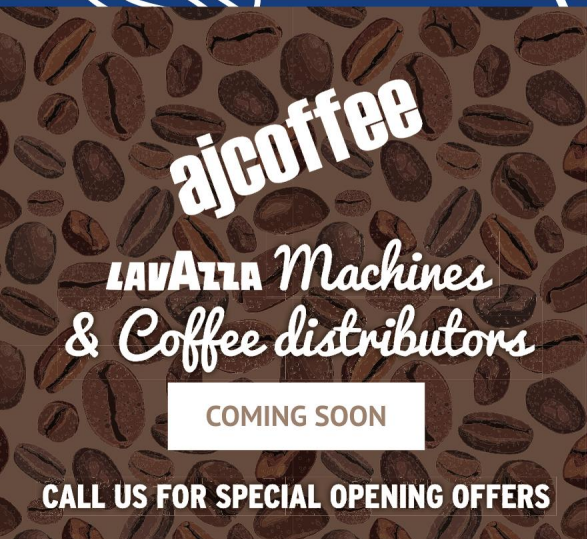


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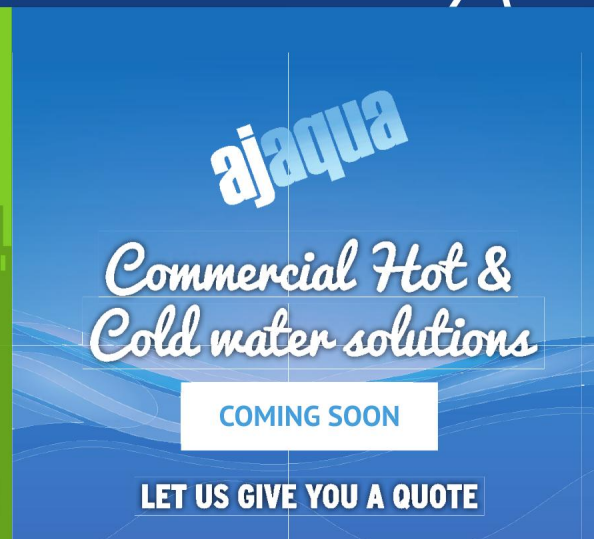


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## Care home improvements recommended

A REPORT published today outlines a string of improvements recommended by Dorset Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) following an investigation into a former Dorset care home for vulnerable adults.

The Serious Case Audit (SCA) into the now closed Purbeck Care Home, found that residents suffered abuse and received inadequate standards of care between January 2010 and November 2012.

The report highlights a number of learning points for health and social care agencies, including better sharing of information, stronger links with families and advocacy services as

well as improved procedures for staff to raise concerns about standards of care.

Dorset County Council stopped funding any new placements in 2012, following an incident where a male member of staff subjected a female resident to a prolonged period of physical and verbal abuse. He was sentenced to six months imprisonment in 2013.

A subsequent multi-agency case audit uncovered significant gaps in staff training, lack of planning sufficiently for care of older residents, limited access to any activities and poor provision of food and beverages.

The SCA highlights a

number of failings and calls for action on all health and social care organisations involved to improve communication, cooperation and sharing local intelligence.

The most significant point in the report underlines the view that vulnerable people with complex needs should be cared for in local communities, or care home placements close to their home and family where they can receive better care and support, to prevent institutionalised neglect and abuse in the future.

All agencies involved, including local councils, the police and Care Quality Commission,

have welcomed the recommendations of the report and are keen to work closely to reduce the risk of similar mistakes being made in the future.

Jane Ashman, chair of the DSAB, said: "Accommodation and support services for people with a learning disability have developed greatly over the past decade to meet changing needs and expectations.

"Most adults with a learning disability and their carers prefer more independent living where people have their own self-contained accommodation and yet can maintain contact with others such as friends."

## DCCI attends London conference

BUSINESSES flew the flag for Dorset at an annual conference in London as sparks flew over Europe and the economic recovery.

The party from Dorset Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) joined more than 1,000 delegates at the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) event.

Speakers included Prime Minister David Cameron, Business Innovation and Skills Secretary Vince Cable, Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, Shadow Chancellor Ed Balls, Shadow BIS Secretary Chuka Umunna, Secretary of State William Hague and Nick Boles, Skills and Equalities Minister.

BCC director general John Longworth, former Apprentice advisor and Bright Ideas Trust chairman Margaret Mountfield, rugby world cup winning coach Sir Clive Woodward, Heathrow Airport chief executive John Holland-Kaye and Hotel Chocolat chief executive Angus Thirlwell were also among the speakers.

Chief executive Ian Girling, who led the



■ DCCI chief executive, Ian Girling (front left) with other members of the chamber, at the BCC conference in London

Dorset delegation, said: "With the calibre of national politicians and business figures in attendance, it shows Dorset is punching its weight on the national stage.

"The BCC sees the value in consulting progressive chambers such as Dorset to help forge national policy and exert its influence at a national level.

"The conference confirmed our priorities to continue to expand services to support businesses and help drive growth but also to focus

on international trade to help rebalance the economy.

"We all left inspired by a tremendous event and with optimism for the year ahead as the economy continues to improve."

DCCI: the voice of business in Dorset, is the only chamber in the county accredited to the BCC. It has more than 700 members representing more than 37,000 employees.

Mr Girling, senior vice-president David McNair and junior vice-

president Vincent Boni also met Bournemouth West MP Conor Burns at the Houses of Parliament during the day.

They discussed issues facing the town and wider area over the coming year to ensure the local economy maximises its growth, including the role of tourism and businesses.

Mr Girling added: "It was a great opportunity to meet Conor and discuss issues facing Dorset, to ensure we work together in the best way to benefit the area."

## What will prospective MPs do for women?

WEST Dorset residents will get the chance to question local parliamentary candidate about how they plan to support women if they are voted into parliament at the general election in May.

Local group the Women's Action Network Dorset (WAND) are hosting a Question Time style debate with key parliamentary candidates standing to represent west Dorset.

The event is being held at the Town Hall in Dorchester on March 6th. Doors open at 7.30pm and the debate takes place from 8.00pm to 9.00pm.

Key representatives including Oliver Letwin (Conservative), Rachel Rogers (Labour), David Glossup (UKIP), Peter Barton (Green Party) and Ros Kayes (Liberal Democrat) have all confirmed they will be attending the event.

The debate will be chaired by BBC Radio Solent's afternoon show presenter Katie Martin and the event is free – but booking is essential – with tickets available via the WAND website or by calling 01305 252204.

Question should be submitted by 4pm on Wednesday, March 4th to the WAND website at [www.wandwomen.org.uk](http://www.wandwomen.org.uk) – contributors will then be invited to pose their query on the night.

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# How do I choose a roofing contractor?

ONE of the best places to start looking is in the NFRC (National Federation of Building Contractors) Directory which lists proven property professionals from all over the UK. Always make sure the roofing contractor you hire is registered.

## Weeding out the cowboys, or how to spot a dishonest contractor;

It is every homeowner's nightmare. Hiring a contractor that seemed capable on first impression, only to have them make a mess of your beautiful home through lack of skill!

Ask the prospective contractor for a portfolio of references and photo's of their work. Any good contractor will be happy to show you these. If they're not, it's probably best to look elsewhere.

## What to look out for

- No VAT! You pay for the materials and I'll supply Labour! (You still have to pay VAT on materials, research, guarantee and sort out in your time!)
- Commonly used 'sales pitches'; anything that sounds too good to be true usually is. Be especially aware of very low initial estimates.
- Door knockers: never hire a contractor who offers their services door to door.
- Pointing out functional problems: view descriptions of awful or very complicated problems with suspicion. If you can't easily find out about it online, it's probably not true.
- It's urgent! Undue stress of this point is always a bad sign. An honest contractor will not pressure you into making a decision.

## Pricing and costs

Pricing for roofing jobs depends on the extent and complexity of the job and on the materials used. Always consider written quotes (never verbal) before settling on a roofing contractor. Most professionals will produce a quote within 3 or 7 days.

## Questions to ask your roofing contractor

### Are you a registered trade member?

We recommend that your contractor be registered in a national trade association, such as the NFRC/LSA

### Does the company carry insurance?

Workers compensation and liability insurance to be specific, if the worker is hurt, and the roofing contractor does not have insurance, then the home owner is liable. Ask to have current certification sent to you. Do not accept the roofing contractor at their word. They may carry health, life and car insurance. Bland assurances of health coverage may refer to these. (Does your roofer's insurance cover him if he is not qualified?)

### What is the company's workmanship warranty?

Some warranties are for one year, some are for longer.

The length of a roofing contractor's warranty is not really as important as customer referrals. Most workmanship errors will be found within the first year, probably the first good storm. The reason this question is important is most roofing contractors will warranty the workmanship, and the manufacturer will warranty the product as long as it is installed correctly. Make sure you understand warranties. (Warranty's apply to new works excludes repair works)

### Does your roofer carry out risk assessments and method statements for each job by a qualified site supervisor / operative? What is a risk assessment?

- Identify the hazard
- Decide who may be harmed and how
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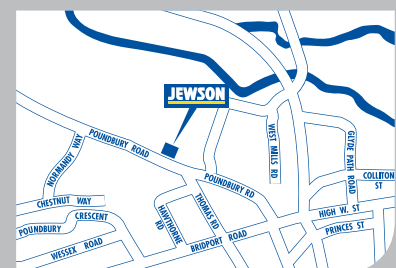
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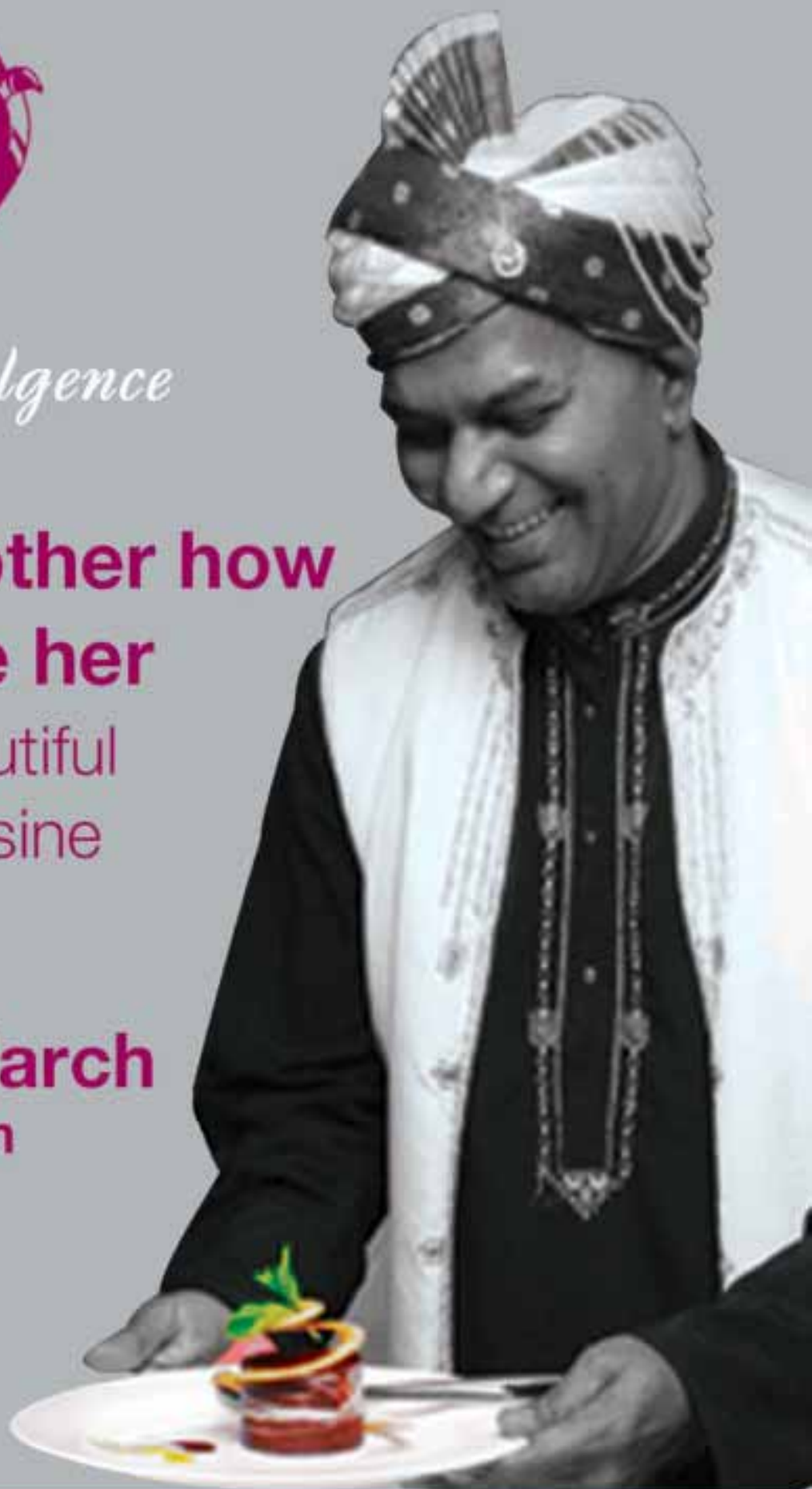
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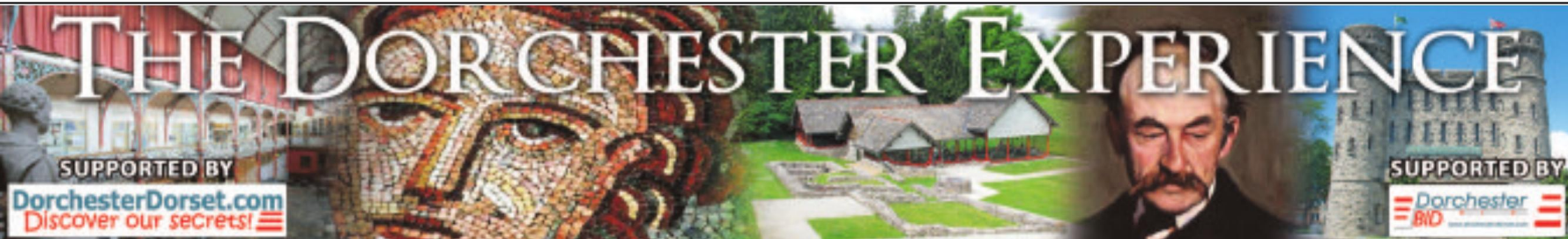
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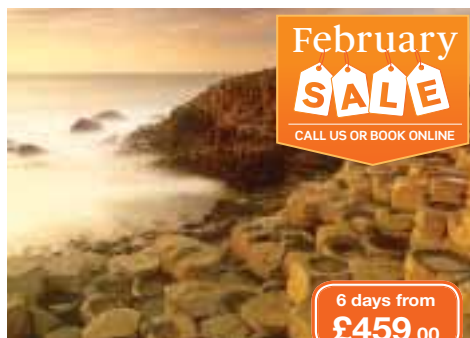
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Mad Dog Mcrea play at the Gateway

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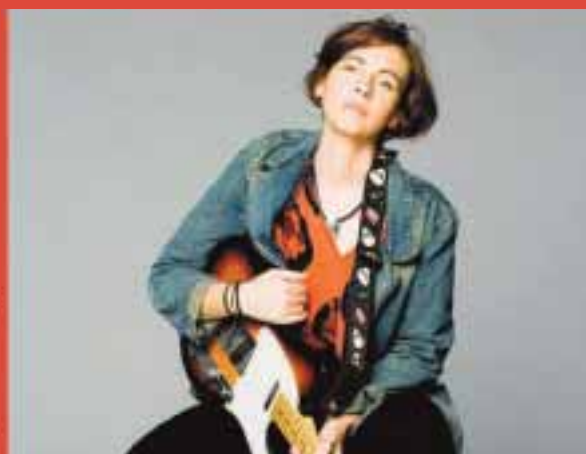
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# TRANSMISSION

*Your guide to local live music*

## upcoming gigs

**Saturday 21 Feb**  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**Daytona** 9.30pm  
Nags Head, LYME REGIS  
**Real Deal**  
Re-loved Vintage & Tea Rooms/Bistro, 2 Cornhill, DORCHESTER  
**Bernardo playing Vintage Guitar**  
7pm. Free entry, booking advised - 01305 257070.  
Old Town Hall, WEYMOUTH  
**Robbie McIntosh & Ken Watkins**  
8pm. £10 from 01305 837299

**Sunday 22 Feb**  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**Cadenza** 4-6pm  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**Tripod** 9.30pm  
Nags Head, LYME REGIS  
**Mojo**  
Electric Palace, BRIDPORT  
**Fairport Convention**  
Doors 7.30pm.  
£21+bf adv / £23 door  
Re-loved Vintage & Tea Rooms/Bistro, 2 Cornhill, DORCHESTER  
**Bernardo playing Vintage Guitar**  
7pm. Free entry, booking advised - 01305 257070.

**Sunday 1 March**  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**Jamming at the Crown** 4-6pm

Durnovaria, DORCHESTER  
**Latemouth Blake (Stomp'n' Dave's vintage blues alter ego)** 3-5pm

**Saturday 7 March**  
Nags Head, LYME REGIS  
**Relics**  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**Fresh Cream** 9.30pm

**Sunday 8 March**  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**Gut & Steel** 4-6pm

**Saturday 14 March**  
Nags Head, LYME REGIS  
**Bug Tree Swamp**  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**Midlife Crisis** 9.30pm

**Sunday 15 March**  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**Griff Daniels & Nikki Mascal** 4-6pm

**Saturday 21 March**  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**Forever Free** 9.30pm

**Sunday 22 March**  
Hope & Anchor, BRIDPORT  
**John De Barra** 4.30pm

**Thursday 26 March**  
Sunray Folk Club, BROADMAYNE  
**Stomp'n' Dave Allen** 8pm

## Folk-rock pioneers in Bridport

# FAIRPORT CONVENTION AT THE PALACE

LEGENDARY folk band **Fairport Convention** return to The Electric Palace on Saturday, February 28th as part of their 2015 Winter Tour.

Hailed as originators of British folk-rock music, Fairport Convention remains one of the most entertaining and inventive groups on the concert circuit despite nearly fifty years as a working band. Their annual Winter Tour has become a much-loved institution.

Fairport's Bridport concert will open with a performance from talented guitar and fiddle duo Kevin Dempsey and Rosie Carson. Fairport's own set will feature songs from their brand new album *Myths and Heroes* which will be released to coincide with the tour. It will be the first Fairport Convention studio album for four years.

As well as the Bridport concert the tour will visit nearly thirty other venues, including a headlining show in Glasgow Royal Concert Hall as part of Celtic Connections, Scotland's premier music festival.

Every year, Fairport rings the changes in its concert repertoire thanks to an extensive back catalogue and the regular introduction of new material.

Singer and guitarist Simon Nicol co-founded Fairport in 1967's 'summer of love'. He says: "We always enjoy visiting Bridport and The Electric Palace is a great place to play."

"We've enjoyed recording the new album but our first love is performing live," Mr Nicol continues. "We're really looking forward to this year's tour because we have lots of new songs to introduce to our audiences. But we'll be balancing the mix with plenty of long-established and well-loved favourites too."

Fairport Convention features Simon Nicol (guitar and lead vocals), Dave Pegg (bass, mandolin and backing vocals), Chris Leslie (fiddle, mandolin, bouzouki and lead vocals), Ric Sanders (violin) and Gerry Conway (drums and percussion). The band has been the subject of a major BBC Four television doc-

umentary and has won a coveted BBC Lifetime Achievement Award. Radio 2 listeners voted Fairport's groundbreaking album *Liege & Lief* 'The Most Influential Folk Album of All Time'.

Fairport Convention play at the Electric Palace,

Bridport on Saturday, February 28th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £21 plus booking fee in advance, or £23 on the door. Advance tickets available from the Electric Palace Box Office (01308 428354), Bridport TIC (01308 424901) or seetickets.com



Fairport Convention

## Classic house set from legendary DJ

# BRANDON BLOCK COMES TO AXMINSTER

FOLLOWING the unprecedented success of the recent nights, Back to the Guildhall are collaborating with All Things House to present the biggest superstar East Devon has ever witnessed.

With the sad closure of The Grove Niteclub there's been a void in the local nightlife scene that Back To The Guildhall has filled with their themed discos.

The next logical step was to join forces with All Things House to bring something fresh, exciting and completely new to the mix... Introducing **Brandon Block**.

Brandon Block has been a staple fixture in the British dance music scene since the birth of acid house (and a DJ long before that playing funk & soul in the mid 80s). Having played Worldwide at some of best clubs & parties on the planet for well over two decades now, we are very excited to bring the house music icon back to the South West for this very limited & intimate appearance. Having really made his mark on clubland in the early 90s with the World renowned Fantazia Club Classics album series, and also his pioneering residency on the terrace at Space! in Ibiza with Alex P, Brandon has gone on to become an Ibiza legend and mischievously even crossing over into celebrity status with his numerous TV appearances on MTV, Top Of The Pops, Never Mind The Buzzcocks, Celebrity Detox and of course his very colourful appearance with Ronnie Wood at the Brit Awards in 2000.

Musically Brandon has a wealth of experience and is a staunch champion of the funkier end of

house. His continued success means Brandon block is still one of the UK's most sought after DJs with his diary generally full up to six months in advance.

Brandon recently has also reflected on the highs & lows of his extraordinary career in the form of his Biography 'The Life & Lines of Brandon Block' where he talks very openly about the last 25 or so years as one of the UK's most successful club DJs.

Event Information and Details

Brandon Block plays at The Guildhall, Axminster from 8pm-1am on Saturday, February 21st with local supporting DJs.

For more information please visit the event page on Facebook. Advance tickets are available to buy for just £7 from the Archway Book Shop, Axminster or online at undergroundtickets.net. Tickets bought on the door will be more.



Brandon Block

## the venues

To advertise your live music call  
**Rob Coombe on**  
**01297 446146** or email  
**rob.coombe@pemedial.co.uk**

## THE CROWN INN

WEST BAY ROAD, BRIDPORT

Saturday 21st February  
**DAYTONA**  
from 9.30pm

Sunday 22nd February  
**CADENZA**  
4-6pm

www.lemonrock.com/crowninn

Tel 01308 422037



## The Nag's Head

Silver St, Lyme Regis  
Tel 01297 442312

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 21st February

**REAL DEAL**

Saturday 28th February

**MOJO**

Saturday 7th March

**RELICS**

Saturday 14th March

**BUG TREE SWAMP**

www.nagsheadlymeregis.co.uk



## This week's new cinema



### PROJECT ALMANAC <sup>12A</sup>

A GROUP of teens discover secret plans of a time machine, and construct one. However, things start to get out of control.

Stars Amy Landecker, Sofia Black-D'Elia and Virginia Gardner.

### THE WEDDING RINGER <sup>15</sup>

TWO weeks shy of his wedding, a socially awkward guy enters into a charade by hiring the owner of a company that provides best men for grooms in need.

Stars Kevin Hart, Josh Gad and Kaley Cuoco-Sweeting.

### BLACKHAT <sup>15</sup>

A FURLOUGHED convict and his American and Chinese partners hunt a high-level cybercrime network from Chicago to Los Angeles to Hong Kong to Jakarta.

Stars Chris Hemsworth, Viola Davis and Wei Tang.

### PREDESTINATION <sup>15</sup>

THE life of a time-traveling Temporal Agent. On his final assignment, he must pursue the one criminal that has eluded him throughout time.

Stars Ethan Hawke, Sarah Snook and Noah Taylor.

### CAKE <sup>15</sup>

CLAIRE becomes fascinated by the suicide of a woman in her chronic pain support group while grappling with her own, very raw personal tragedy.

Drama with Jennifer Aniston, Adriana Barraza and Anna Kendrick.

## Cinema Listings

Friday, Feb 20th - Thurs, Feb 26th

ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**LYME REGIS REGENT**  
Tel: 0871 230 3200  
www.scottcinemas.co.uk

#### Big Hero 6 <sup>PG</sup>

Fri-Sun: 12.15, 14.45

Mon, Wed, Thu: 14.45

Tue: 13.10

#### Fifty Shades of Grey <sup>18</sup>

Fri-Mon, Wed, Thu: 17.10, 20.10

Tue: 15.45

#### ROH: Der Liegende Holländer

Tue: 19.00

#### Pride <sup>15</sup>

Thu: 10.30am

### WEYMOUTH CINEWORLD

Tel: 0871 200 2000 • www.cineworld.co.uk

#### Fifty Shades of Grey <sup>15</sup>

Daily: 12.00, 14.50, 16.40, 17.40, 19.30, 20.30, plus Mon-Thu: 13.40

#### Big Hero 6 <sup>PG</sup>

Fri-Sun: 11.30, 12.30, 14.10, 15.00, 16.50, 17.30

Mon, Wed: 15.00, 17.30

Tue: 14.00, 16.30, Thu: 16.20

#### Shaun the Sheep The Movie <sup>U</sup>

Fri, Sun: 10.50, 11.50, 13.00, 14.00, 15.10, 16.10, 17.20

Sat: 11.50, 13.00, 14.00, 15.10, 16.10, 17.20

Mon-Thu: 13.00, 15.10, 17.20

#### Peppa Pig: The Golden Boots <sup>U</sup>

Fri-Sun: 10.45, 12.20, Mon, Wed: 13.00, Tue: 12.20

#### Kingsman: The Secret Service <sup>15</sup>

Fri-Sun, Thu: 13.50, 16.40, 19.50 Mon-Wed: 14.50, 17.40, 19.50

#### Project Almanac <sup>12A</sup>

Daily: 12.50, 15.20, 17.50, 20.20 Selma <sup>12A</sup>

Fri-Sun: 20.00, Mon & Wed: 16.40, Tue: 16.40

#### Mr Peabody & Sherman <sup>U</sup>

Fri-Sun: 10.20am

#### The Book of Life <sup>U</sup>

Fri-Sun: 10.00, 10.20am

#### Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day <sup>PG</sup>

Fri-Sun: 10.00am

#### Jupiter Ascending <sup>12A</sup>

Fri, Sun: 20.40, Sat: 19.40

Mon-Thu: 15.25, 20.40

#### American Sniper <sup>15</sup>

Fri-Sun: 19.20, Mon-Wed:

13.45, 19.20, Thu: 13.15

#### The Wedding Ringer <sup>15</sup>

Daily: 13.00, 15.25, 17.50, 20.10

#### The Theory of Everything <sup>12A</sup>

Fri, Sun: 19.40, Mon, Thu: 12.40

Tue, Wed: 12.40, 20.35

#### Paddington <sup>PG</sup>

Fri-Sun: 12.15, 14.30

# A night to remember with Dorchester Arts

LAST September marked an important milestone in Dorchester Art's history: thirty consecutive years of providing top quality entertainment and community engagement through the arts, in and around Dorset's county town.

As part of their on-going anniversary celebrations, the organisation is hosting a special fundraising event, giving the people of Dorchester and the surrounding areas the opportunity to look back and celebrate past successes of Dorchester Arts, as well as to help Dorchester Arts to toast the bright future that lies ahead.

Karen Malim, Dorchester Arts' Fundraising and Development Officer said, 'The Pearl Gala is Dorchester Arts' first major fundraising event and will launch us into our next growth phase - it's going to be an evening to remember.'

The event will be held at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Friday 27 February and is to be hosted by BBC Radio Solent's Steve Harris. Guests will be offered

cocktails and canapés on arrival followed by 3-course meal, featuring many locally sourced ingredients, all coordinated by Ashley Eldridge-Ford of Home-Cooked Dorset and Eldridge Creative Dining. The evening will also feature live music from the explosive Gypsy Fire - arguably the UK's finest gypsy swing band, who which sold out on their last visit to Dorchester.

A live auction, led by the dynamic Garry Batt of Dukes Auctioneers, will kick off the fundraising feature of the evening. Among the wealth of impressive goodies up for grabs, is a pair of shoes and a handbag owned by Gwyneth Paltrow, and a Coldplay signed drum skin and photo.

The auction list also includes a weekend package for two at a lovely inn in the south west courtesy of Hall & Woodhouse brewers, a very topical signed print by Gerald Scarfe, a day's fly fishing with tuition on the river Frome, an original oil painting by prominent Dorset

based artist Fernando Velazquez (Dorchester Arts Open2013 Winner), Tea for Two at Westminster with our local MP Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP, a night for two in one of London's most luxurious hotels, The Corinthia, a master class with renowned writer and one of Dorchester Arts' Honorary patrons Minette

Walters, a tour of a privately owned stately home with lunch and, for the more adventurous, a tandem flight with Britain's number one paraglider.

There is also a spectacular selection of raffle prizes to be won throughout the evening including hampers from Dorset Cereals and Hall & Woodhouse, hair products donated by Phil Smith and, the star prize, a weekend for up to 4 in a delightful Dorset holiday cottage. Local businesses Cote Brasserie, boutique retailer Yard and Dorset Life magazine have also donated generous gifts.

Dorchester Arts started as a small community arts group and has grown to become the principal provider of arts events and community activities in Dorchester. Over 7,000 tickets are sold every year, 4,000 people a year are involved in classes, activities and workshops, and in 2014 more than 4,000 attended events at the much-celebrated biennial Dorchester Festival. It is also home to Dorchester Youth Theatre, one of the winners of the nationwide 2013 Connections competition that led to a performance at the National Theatre.

Although Dorchester Arts will remain part of the Arts Council England's National Portfolio up until April of this year, the company is actively looking to other funding streams in order to fulfil its mission to be a thriving arts hub for the county town. Mark Tattersall, Artistic Director of Dorchester Arts, says, 'Like all arts organisations in the UK we have to become more self-reliant and think of new ways to fund our work. We aim to

make our fundraising events as inspiring and entertaining as our year-round programme and hope that the Gala will whet people's appetites for future events both big and small.'

Dorchester Arts has received a great deal of support from businesses and the local community over the years. As its fundraising strategy develops, the organisation is looking to not only maintain existing relationships, but is also forging new links with companies and individuals who are keen to support its growth. Mark Tattersall continues, 'Dorchester Arts is entering a really exciting phase: not only will we soon have a much higher profile in the town centre through our enhanced use of the Corn Exchange but we are also making significant progress with plans for a truly fit-for-purpose theatre and arts facility in the form of the Dorchester Maltings at Brewery Square.'

Businesses that are supporting The Pearl Gala through sponsorship, donations and in-kind support include headline sponsor British Solar Renewables, plus Smith and Williamson, The Watercress Company, RiskSTOP, Domineys Cottages, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Sculpture by the Lakes Cote Brasserie, and Hall & Woodhouse.

As well as local and regional business support, Dorchester Arts believes that support from its strong body of more than 50 regular volunteers, alongside local community members taking advantage of their Dorchester Arts membership, lays a firm foundation from which the organisation can flourish for the next three decades and more.

The evening is open to all as individual guests or groups who wish to book a table of 10. Tickets are £45 each or £425 for a table of 10. To book call Box Office 01305 266926 or visit the website at [www.dorchesterarts.org](http://www.dorchesterarts.org)

## Best-selling Irish singer Eleanor McEvoy at Dorchester Arts Centre

EXQUISITELY talented singer/songwriter Eleanor McEvoy will be performing at Dorchester Arts Centre this Saturday, February 21st at 8pm.

Eleanor is best known for her hit single 'A Woman's Heart', title track of the best-selling album in Irish history, and continues to make full use of her talents as 2014 saw the release of her 11th studio album *Stuff*.

Exposed to music at a very early age, Dublin born Eleanor McEvoy grew up playing the piano, violin and performing on stage with her older siblings, so there is no surprise Eleanor went on to graduate in music from Trinity College in Dublin and set out to pay her way through life as a professional musician.

Initially, Eleanor spent four years in Ireland's National Symphony Orchestra (NSO), as well as recording studio sessions as a singer, fiddle and keyboard player. From here she met and joined Irish singer Mary Black's touring band which gave her the push to cash in her savings and go for it as a solo singer/songwriter in her own right.

Out of the blue, two chances came along at once. Mary Black, with her record company manager and husband decided Eleanor's song 'A Woman's Heart' would be a fitting title and lead song for the compilation they were putting together of contemporary Irish female performers. Simultaneously the legendary Tom Zutaut of Geffen Records (who signed the likes of Guns N Roses and Motley Crue), on a scouting mission to Dublin, heard Eleanor in a pub, bought her demo cassette and on the spot decided he wanted to sign her to Geffen.

Everything changed and Eleanor was off to tour the world, while at the same time *A Woman's Heart* stormed the Irish charts and still remains the biggest selling Irish record in the home market.

Zutaut's departure from Geffen led to Eleanor resigning to Columbia Records in New York for a time and then went onto work with producer Rupert Hine (Rush, Stevie Nicks, Tina Turner) and engineer Ruadhri Cushman (George Michael, Mumford and Sons and the Macabees).

Eleanor McEvoy will perform on Saturday, February 21st at 8pm at Dorchester Arts Centre. Tickets are £12 / £10 members & concessions. To book tickets call Dorchester Arts Box Office 01305 266926 or visit [www.dorchesterarts.org.uk](http://www.dorchesterarts.org.uk)



Eleanor McEvoy

## MARINE THEATRE LYME REGIS

See you in the Stage Door Bar!



### Sunday 22nd February CIRCUS GEEKS PRESENT BETA TESTING

6.00pm / Full Price: £10.00 / Concessions: £8.00  
Age suitability: 12+

A new show - somewhere between a TED talk and a circus show!

Thursday 26th February  
-Saturday 28th February

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SUPPORTED BY LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL AND WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL



## View 2 Diary Dates

### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

**EYPE:** West Dorset Decorative and Fine Arts Society meeting. 'Inn Signia: Pub Signs, the artwork and stories behind the names', by Mr John Ericson. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

**MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER:** Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

**BROADMAYNE:** Market 2-3.30pm at St Martin's Community Hall Broadmayne, (Next to the Church) Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, , Bric-a-brac, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

**BEAMINSTER:** Beaminster Blues & Jazz presents 'Shades of Ella' performed by Julie Dunn and Andy Christie. Plus a show of Rhythm & Blues from the Jim Luck Blues Band. At Beaminster Town Hall. Doors and bar open 7.30pm, music 8-10pm. Tickets £10 from Yarn Barton Mon-Fri 9.30-12.30p or by calling 01308 861746.

**MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER:** Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

**WEST BAY, BRIDPORT:** Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

**CHARMOUTH:** Bingo at St Andrew's Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane. Doors 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20TH & SATURDAY 21ST

**DORCHESTER:** The United Church Players present 'At The Movies' a Musical Revue with Songs, Sketches and Drama in the United Church Hall, Charles Street. 7pm on Friday, 2.30pm and 7pm on Saturday. Tickets at £4 each available from the Church Shop. Proceeds to National Stroke Association.

### MONDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

**BURTON BRADSTOCK:** Biodanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. £7 each (concs available - just ask). 7.15pm for 7.30pm at Othona Community, Coast Road, DT6 4RN. For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit biodanza-bridport.co.uk

**BRIDPORT:** Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall. £5 per session. Every Monday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

**WEYMOUTH:** Jim Davis presents a programme played by top bands in Marching And Waltzing, for Weymouth Classical Recorded Music Society at the Acorns, Grosvenor Road, Weymouth from 7.30pm. Further details : Tel 779787

**ABBOTSBURY:** New pre-school dance class at Strangways Hall, 11-11.30am Mondays during term time. Fun ballet, music and movement for boys and girls aged 2.5-4 years old. Taught by Kathy Davies. For more details call 01305 871331.

**BRIDPORT:** 'Hidden Dorset' Illustrated Talk by Colin Vardell at Bridport United Church Hall, East St. 2.30pm. Presented by the Golden Cap Association (West Dorset). Non-members welcome. Admission £3. Includes tea or coffee and biscuits. For further information 01308 863577

### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

**WEST BAY, BRIDPORT:** Chair-based Exercise. 10.30am-12noon at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Tuesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

**LYME REGIS:** Peter Wiles will present 'Lyme through the year - A photographer's view'. The presentation will start at 2.30pm in Woodmead Hall, entry £1.50. Everyone welcome.

### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25TH

**MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER:** Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

**UPLYME:** Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society talk 'Hidden Gardens of London' by Bob Ayers, who knows the nooks and crannies of the Capital well after 30 years in the City of London Police. Members attend free, non-members £3. at Uplyme Village Hall, 7.30pm. For more information see our website, ulhrs@wordpress.com or ring Chairman Jenny Harding on 444034

**BRIDPORT:** Fairtrade Food Tasting at Bridport United Church Hall, 10am-12noon, as part of their weekly coffee morning. Come and sample and buy some fairtrade goodies (Fairtrade Fortnight 23 Feb - 8 Mar), courtesy of Traidcraft, the Cooperative and Divine chocolate. For more details call 01308 425037.

**LYME REGIS:** Parents Together group, with crèche

# A sky full of stars

BRIDPORT Youth Dance presents *A Sky Full Of Stars*, a collaborative production by Nikki Northover with additional choreography from Aimee Symes, Matt Flint, Rebecca Whaley, Carrie Willis, Luke Robson, and featuring music by Andrew Dickson, Matt Benjamin, Jack Harrison and Robert Lee.

*A Sky Full Of Stars* will include performances by students of Bridport Youth Dance, Bridport Boys Dance and will feature special guest appearances by Tapistory dancers and former BYD students Emily Meech and Harry Poole.

Performances will be on Friday, February 27th at 7.30pm and Saturday, February 28th at 3pm and 7.30pm at Bridport Arts Centre. Tickets are £10 adults, £8 students/children.

This years production is supported by Bridport Arts Centre, Arts Council England, WDDC Bridport are Car Boot Fund, West Dorset District Council, Bridport Town Council, Bridport Round

Table, Bridport Lions and The Rex Trevett Appeal Fund.

Tickets are on sale now and are available from BAC box office on 01308 424204

More details of Bridport Youth Dance's education programme can be found at [www.bridportyouthdance.org.uk](http://www.bridportyouthdance.org.uk)



## Pub with food

THE PYMORE INN  
February Food Festival  
Starts 1st February 2015

Two course lunch or dinner  
(main and pudding)  
Special February food fest. menu  
Available Tuesday through to Friday and  
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(not Saturday evenings or Sunday lunchtimes)  
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Dorset, DT8 3EP  
T: 01308 861911 M: 07792 791038  
Email: [info@bfitleisure.com](mailto:info@bfitleisure.com)  
Web: [www.bfitleisure.com](http://www.bfitleisure.com)

### MONDAY

3.45-4.30pm 11-16YR OLDS TRAMPOLINING COURSE  
4.30-5.15pm 4-11YR OLDS TRAMPOLINING COURSE  
4.45-6.00pm SILKS AERIAL COURSE 11-16YR OLDS  
6.00-7.00pm PILATES

6.00-7.00pm WALKING FOOTBALL (ON 3G PITCH)  
6.00-7.15pm SILKS AERIAL COURSE ADULTS (16+)  
7.00-7.45pm INDOOR CYCLING  
8.00-9.00pm CIRCUITS

### WEDNESDAY

4.00-6.00pm GYMNASTICS  
5.45-7.00pm IYENGAR YOGA  
6.00-6.45pm INDOOR CYCLING  
7.00-8.00pm BACK 2 NETBALL CLUB  
8.00-9.30pm VOLLEYBALL

### THURSDAY

12.30-1.30pm 50+ KEEP FIT  
6.30-7.30pm KETTLECRISE

### FRIDAY

6.00-7.00pm SILKS MIXED CLASS

For further information on classes and courses please  
call Richard on 07792 791038 or 01308 861911

## View 2 Diary Dates

provided at The Hub, 9.15am-11.15am. Every Wednesday during term time. £2 per family suggested donation. This week 'Raising respectful and responsible children'.

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26TH

**DORCHESTER:** Quiz Evening at St George's Church Hall, 7.45pm. Come as teams of up to 6, or come and make up a team. Tickets £6 (including ploughman's supper). Please bring whatever you wish to drink. Tickets available from Mrs Dorothy Maggs on 01305 262436 or Mrs Audrey Litson on 01305 262668.

**DORCHESTER:** West Dorset Humanists meeting at the Wessex Royale Hotel, 32 High West Street, 7.30pm. It will include a fully illustrated presentation on humanist schools in Africa and India, given by David Warden, Chair of Dorset Humanists. Entry is £3. Everyone is welcome. For more details, visit [www.westdorsethumanists.org](http://www.westdorsethumanists.org) or call 07810 360700 or 07411 077058.

### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting at Woodmead Halls. Phil Wells' Triptych competition. 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733

**MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER:** Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

**WEST BAY, BRIDPORT:** Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

**DORCHESTER:** Bournemouth In The Old Days, is the subject of Jim Boudreau's presentation to Dorchester Area Group of the Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust at the Dorset Room, Colliton Club, County Hall, Dorchester, 7.30pm. Further details from 01305 262121, or email: [heather.foster1@btinternet.com](mailto:heather.foster1@btinternet.com)  
**CHARMOUTH:** Fossil Talks at Charmouth Primary School, 7-9pm. 'The Charmouth Dinosaur' by Phil Davidson, and 'How to find and clean an Ichthyosaur' by Richard Edmonds. Booking essential as spaces are limited. Call 01297 560772 to book. Free admission.

### MONDAY MARCH 2ND

**BRIDPORT:** Smith & Smith are pleased to hold a Fairtrade food tasting at their shop, 8 West Street, as part of Fairtrade Fortnight (23 Feb - 8 Mar), 2.30 - 4.30pm. Come and try delicious fairtrade chocolate, biscuits and more. For more details call 01308 425037.

**BRIDPORT:** Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall. £5 per session. Every Monday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

### TUESDAY MARCH 3RD

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2-4pm at Woodmead Halls. Our president, Terry Whitworth, will demonstrate his approach to creating a Floral painting with Flair, in Acrylics. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

**DORCHESTER:** Le Cercle Francais de Dorchester, aka the Dorchester French Circle meeting. This is a follow-up to the film "I've loved you so long", shown on February 3rd, which starred Kristin Scott Thomas. Sonja Lawday will discuss Kristin's life and films. 7.30pm for 8.00 pm at Cafe/Bar Jagos, 8 High West Street. For more details visit [www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org.uk](http://www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org.uk) or phone Robin Howes on 01305 854025

**WEST BAY, BRIDPORT:** Chair-based Exercise. 10.30am-12noon at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Tuesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 4TH

**LYME REGIS:** Parents Together group, with crèche provided at The Hub, 9.15am-11.15am. Every Wednesday during term time. £2 per family suggested donation. This week 'Bullying & Cliques - kids and adults'.

**MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER:** Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

### THURSDAY MARCH 5TH

**BRIDPORT:** Electronic Organ Concert by Paul Roberts at the United Church Hall, East Street. Admission £8, members £7, visitors welcome. Concert starts at 7.30pm. For more details call 01460 73500.

### FRIDAY MARCH 6TH

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Christopher Luscombe returns to the RSC to direct this Shakespeare comedy.

The streaming will take place on Friday, February 20th. Doors open 6.30pm, with the performance from 7pm. Approximate running time is three hours.

Tickets are £12.50 in advance from the Box Office 01297 625699 and from the website ticket shop, or £15.00 on the door.

**Mad Dog Mcree** are back for their long-awaited fifth gig at The Gateway. Get ready to stomp, clap, jig and all that as Mad Dog Mcree raise hands, lift feet and start parties wherever they play with their spellbinding recipe of folk, pop, rock, jazz, bluegrass and 'shake your ass' music.

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Mad Dog Mcree play live at The Gateway on Friday, February 27th. Doors open 7.30pm. Tickets are £12.00 in advance or £15 at door, available from Gateway website ticket shop or The Gateway box office 01297 625699

Rounding off a fine trio of events, The Gateway will screen Bolshoi Ballet's performance of **Romeo & Juliet**, Prokofiev's finest ballet, based on Shakespeare's tragic love story and superbly choreographed by Yuri Grigorovich.

The feud between the Montague and Capulet families is bringing bloodshed to the streets of Verona.

So when the Capulets organise a masked ball in honour of their daughter Juliet, Romeo Montague and his friend Mercutio attend incognito.

The young couple fall hopelessly in love, but soon realise that they belong to rival houses.

Written in 1595, William Shakespeare's timeless tragic love story was the inspi-

ration for Prokofiev's much-loved ballet, which is packed with famous melodies.

Its centrepiece is the instantly recognisable, supremely dramatic 'Dance of the Knights', which was appropriated as the theme tune for 'The Apprentice'.

Choreographed by the Bolshoi's legendary former artistic director Yuri Grigorovich, this production benefits from outstanding performances by Alexander Volchokov as Romeo and Anna Nikulina as Juliet.

The screening will take place on Sunday, March 8th. Doors open 2.30pm, with the performance at 3.00pm. Approximate running time 3hours 30mins

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Bolshoi Ballet's Romeo & Juliet

## Comedy Network returns to the Palace

THE Electric Palace comedy nights are proving a big hit – see three up-and-coming stand-up comedians, specially selected by Avalon UK and fresh from Edinburgh 2014, for just a tenner.

**Gareth Richards**, a Foster's Edinburgh Comedy Award Best Newcomer nominee in 2010, offers delectable comedy delights, with or without instrumentation, and his off-beat and unique style makes him one to watch! Gareth has appeared on Russell Howard's Good News, Live at the Electric (BBC3), and in January performed live on Radio 1. He co-hosted Frank Skinner's Sony award-winning Absolute Radio show for two years and supported Frank on his 2014 tour.

**Mark Smith** (MTV) has been performing stand-up regularly since 2008 and has rapidly established himself as one of the most interesting and exciting comics on the circuit. Since reaching the final of 'So You Think You're Funny' in 2009, Mark has gigged all over the UK, is a regular MC, and has broken into television to present for MTV2, and to write and perform for 'Dick and Dom's Funny Business' on BBC Two. When Mark is not giggling he is the warm-up for shows such as Have I Got News For You and Room 101 (both BBC1).

**Julian Deane** has been wowing audiences across the country with his genius punch lines and perfect delivery. The 'So You Think You're Funny' semi-finalist first performed stand up in 2005 and Julian's brilliant, utterly original and hilarious routines have earned him appreciation, recognition and praise from audiences across the country as well as prominent figures in the comedy industry.

Furthermore, he has proven his talent by winning some of the most prestigious stand-up comedy competitions in the country (Laughing Horse New Act of the Year, Comedy Cafe Best New Act of the Year and King Gong to name but a few) and is also in big demand as a writer (Mock the Week, Never Mind the Buzzcocks, Morgan Spurlock's New Britannia)

All of this makes him a terrific act with a hugely exciting future ahead of him.

The Comedy Network, featuring Gareth Richards, Mark Smith and Julian Deane, takes place at the Electric Palace, Bridport on Friday, February 27th, doors open 7.15pm for 8.15pm start. Tickets are £10 plus booking fee in advance, or £12 on the door. Tickets can be booked by calling Bridport TIC on 01308 424901 or visit [www.seetickets.com](http://www.seetickets.com)



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## THREE STOREY PERIOD HOUSE, BEAMINSTER - £395,000

KINGFISHER House is a substantial three storey end of terrace period house dating back to circa 1840. With the benefits of having three floors this property provides spacious and flexible accommodation throughout. The ground floor accommodation includes entrance hall, utility room, three bedrooms, and a shower room. On the first floor is a landing with cupboard, sitting room, dining room, sun lounge, study/bedroom six, kitchen, further bedroom and a family bathroom. Second floor there is a landing with built-in cupboards and the master bedroom with en-suite. The property is approached via an archway into a shared courtyard with parking for two cars with access to the garage, studio and stairs up to an attractive roof terrace. The property benefits from lovely far reaching countryside views and is within easy walking distance of The Square. Offered to the market with

no onward chain. Early viewings are highly recommended.

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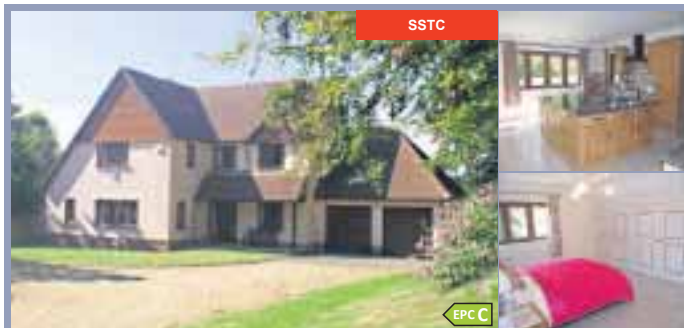


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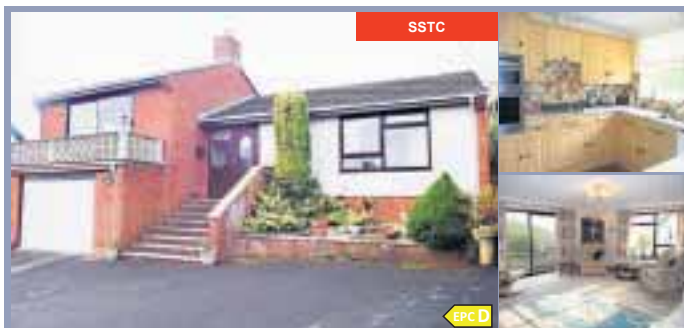
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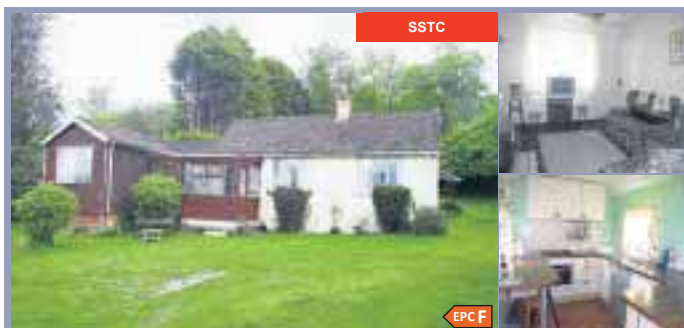
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The councils are also inviting parties to submit their views on new household projections due to be published by CLG on 26 February.

The consultation responses will be sent to Mr Paul Crysell, the Planning Inspector appointed to conduct the examination of the joint West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Local Plan. The Inspector will consider these responses before issuing his final report.

To view and comment on the Local Plan Main Modifications and household projections, visit [www.dorsetforyou.com/localplanexamination/west/weymouth](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/localplanexamination/west/weymouth) and download a comments form. Copies of the Main Modifications are also available for inspection at the council offices between 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4.30pm Fridays.

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New DS 5 will be unveiled at this year's Geneva Motor Show, with this new model set to arrive in UK showrooms in July 2015.

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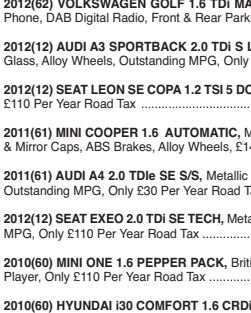
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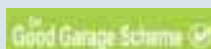


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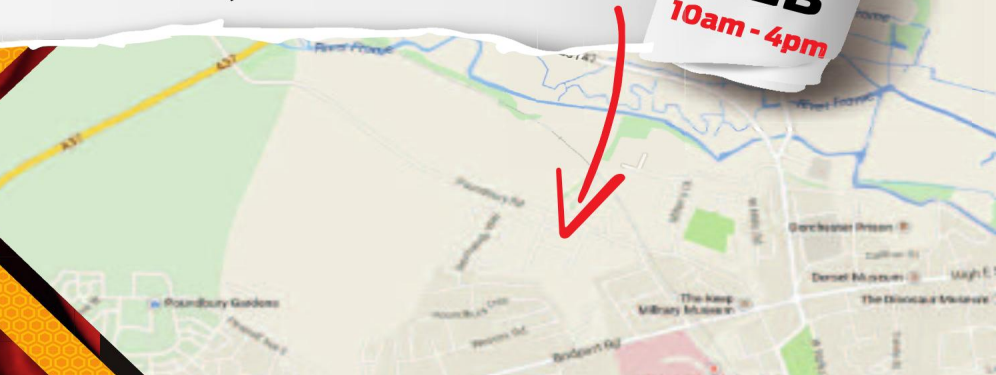
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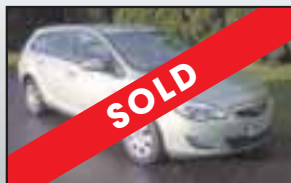
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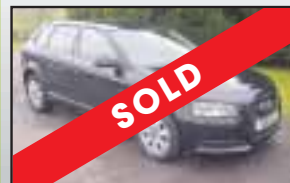
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Featuring a bold exterior design, the Berlingo Mountain Vibe Concept is an invitation to explore uncharted territory. The contour lines on the body give the vehicle its signature look, inviting you to leave the well-trodden path of everyday life and head for the hills. This original graphic feature, in a striking shade of pink, reinforces the

personality of this concept car. The pink finish is also found on the fog lamp surrounds and is a perfect match for the Mountain Green bodywork, forming a fresh and upbeat duo of colours.

The exterior styling is enhanced with additional trim at the bottom of each of the doors and pink embellishers above the wheel arches. The tyres are equipped with coloured snow chains, while the roof bars are enhanced with pink foam protectors. All these features give the concept a cheery, go-anywhere look that is both modern and high tech. With the Grip Control function, it is easy to imagine this vehicle scaling the Swiss mountains with its boot full of equipment for mountain sports: climbing, snowboarding or snowshoe walking.

Inside the car, the front seats and the three independent seats on row two are all upholstered with a practical and elegant embossed grey fabric. The pink topstitching adds a cheerful note to the cabin to underline the friendly personality of this new concept car.

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The new entry point to the formidable Audi RS range is born of impeccable breeding – it is based on the current World Car of the Year and features the latest evolution of the evocative 2.5-litre five-cylinder TFSI – winner of the International Engine of the Year Award in the 2.0 to 2.5-litre category on no less than five consecutive occasions since 2010.

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## Dorset football round-up

# Magpies impressive turnaround continues

**Dunstable Town 3 Dorchester Town 5**

*South League Premier – att: 102*  
DORCHESTER Town's remarkable change of fortunes since the arrival of Player-Manager Mark Jermyn continued on Saturday when they turned a 3-1 deficit midway through the first half into a resounding 5-3 victory to complete five victories in seven games since the Avenue favourite returned last month.

The Magpies found themselves a goal down after just two minutes, but after equalising through Ben Watson they fell behind again with two goals from Jemal McKenzie-Lowe in two minutes, as they struggled to adjust having arrived late at Creasey Park due to traffic congestion.

A tactical change by Jermyn saw Dorchester reduce the arrears before the Blues' Luke Ruddick was red carded for two bookable offences just before halftime.

The second half saw them add three goals to record another memorable victory.

Dunstable had grabbed an early lead when Eddie Bailey tapped home.

Dorchester responded well and when keeper Charlie May parried Nathan Walker's shot from Dan Smith's cross, Watson was on hand to score

from the rebound.

However Dunstable's shape was causing the Magpies problems and they looked to have taken control of the game when McKenzie-Lowe fired low past Walker-Harris and added another a minute later.

It was at this point however that Jermyn made the crucial tactical change by dropping Walker back into his natural position in the centre of defence, and moving himself into midfield, and it paid dividends almost immediately.

Just after the half hour captain Jake Smeeton was scythed down inside the box by Ruddick who was booked.

May saved Watson's spot kick and his follow up, but Smeeton was on hand to fire home via a deflection off the unfortunate Ruddick to put the Magpies back in touch.

More misery befell Ruddick on 38 minutes when after another crude tackle he was dismissed by referee Andy Aylott.

Tails up and a man to the good Dorchester equalised on 52 minutes when following some superb team play Sam Lanahan fired home the equaliser.

Dunstable took the fight to Dorchester as they fought to eliminate the numerical disadvantage, but the

Magpies ensured the points with two goals of their own within two minutes with quarter of an hour left.

First Chris Dillon headed home Smith's corner, before Chris Tarbuck scored his first goal for the club with a fine finish.

### Another boost for Magpies

**FROM TOWN 1 DORCHESTER TOWN 3**

*Southern League Premier – att: 202*  
DORCHESTER Town boosted their chances of avoiding relegation when they beat fellow strugglers Frome Town in Somerset last Wednesday.

It was vital in their recovery that they began beating sides around them in the Southern Premier League to ensure they were not to continue being embroiled in the fight for survival, and they did that with a comprehensive victory over the Robins, although manager Mark Jermyn was disappointed they conceded a late consolation goal.

Ben Watson and captain Jake Smeeton both had efforts blocked before first Chris Dillon saw a header cleared off the line, and then Matt Oldring's effort from the rebound was saved by keeper Darren Chitty.

Dorchester then had a let off when Matt Smith's shot was deflected against the woodwork.

It was the Magpies who made the crucial breakthrough when Dillon headed home unopposed from close in to give them the lead.

Dorchester doubled their lead just before the hour when Nathan Walker fired home from Bradley Tarbuck's cross.

Lewis Haldane almost pulled a goal back, but keeper Alan Walker-Harris produced a good save to thwart his first effort before Dillon blocked his effort from the rebound.

Substitute Sam Lanahan made the points secure when he headed home Dan Smith's free kick, and although Cameron Brown pulled a goal back late on, Dorchester were in no danger of conceding the points.

### Ten-man Terras drop more points

**Weymouth 1 Redditch United 1**

*South League Premier – att: 518*

WEYMOUTH failed to take advantage of leaders Poole Town dropping points against lowly Histon on Saturday after they had to settle for a draw against Redditch United at the Bob Lucas Stadium.

As a result it leaves the Terras still two points behind the Dolphins who have three games in hand.

Alex Reid making his last appearance on loan from Exeter City had Reds keeper Sam Hornby diving low to save at his near post early on before Weymouth threatened with a number of efforts, none of which really caused any concern.

Eventually Redditch got back into the game and home boss Jason Matthews did well to turn away Leigh Phillips' thumping angled shot.

Calvin Brooks came close to breaking the deadlock early in the second half with a strong header at the back post from Reid's cross, but Hornby produced a superb reaction save to keep it out.

Eventually the Terras found a way through the Reds defence. Wells pulled the ball back to Stewart Yetton who hooked it on across the face of goal.

Reid, with his back to goal, turned his marker, and although he slightly scuffed his shot it had enough power to beat Hornby who was wrong footed.

However three minutes later Ashley Wells was red carded for a challenge on George Carline, and five minutes

later Redditch were level.

Under pressure Weymouth were unable to clear their lines.

As the Reds pressed for an equaliser Matthews punched away Calvin Dinsley's hanging cross but it fell to Calum Flanagan 20 yards out, who neatly turned inside Chris McPhee before blasting a shot into the top corner of the net for a share of the points.

### DORSET FOOTBALL LEAGUE Senior League

THE Balti House lead at the top was cut to three points after they were thumped 8-1 at Holt.

Meanwhile, Nick Etherington (2) Josh Why, Warren White and Steven Churchill scored the goals as Chickerell Utd gained ground with a 5-3 win over Blandford Utd Res.

Portland Utd Res took a strong side to Corfe Mullen and returned home with a 4-0 victory.

### Division One

KANGAROOS stay second after a 4-3 win at Canford Utd.

### Division Two

FIFTH placed Portland Town beat bottom side visitors Chickerell Utd Res 4-3 with a brace from Alex Counter and one each for Daniel Sheppard and Simon Proffitt, whilst Portesham Utd and Corfe Castle drew 1-1 with Jack Huson scoring for the hosts.

### Division Three

THE only game to beat the weather was between the bottom two clubs where Stalbridge ran out 2-1 winners against their visitors Maiden Newton & Cattistock.

### Division Four

FLEETLINE closed the gap at the top to three points after their 3-0 home win over Owermoigne with goals from Danny Hill, Matthew Roberts and John Clarke

Kangaroos Res moved further away from the foot of the table by beating bottom side Corfe Mullen Utd Res 3-2, whilst Liam Puckett was on target for Portland Town A in their 1-1 draw with South Cheriton Utd Res.

### Division Five

PORTLAND Town B moved off the foot of the table with a 4-3 home win over second placed Donhead Utd with goals from Paul Cole (2), Barney Barnes and Josh Basquil.

# Young Seasiders fell Oaks in superb semi-final victory

## Weymouth & Portland Rugby Club

**Oakmedians U13 0 Weymouth & Portland 34**

WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND travelled to Bourne mouth to lock horns with a well-organised Oakmedians side that had already inflicted two narrow defeats on the visitors this season.

With a place in the Dorset and Wilts Plate final at stake, it showed in the opening exchanges with play swinging from end to end.

Weymouth thought they had taken the lead early on but Ned Bennett's try was ruled out for a forward pass, but with the forwards growing in confidence the pressure told, and Jaden Claridge gave them the lead Robert Hunter successfully converting.

On 16 minutes Weymouth scored again when the pack drove over the ball to secure a scrum against the head, allowing Number 8 Frankie Read to gather and run in from 30 yards out.

The momentum and confidence was building and it wasn't long before Weymouth would extend their lead even further

with a jinking run from Claridge. Then, with the last play of the half, Read showed a turn of pace to break the Oaks defensive line and run in to give the visitors a 22-0 lead.

### Fightback averted

The second half began with the hosts showing great determination to claw back the deficit with a period of sustained pressure inside the Weymouth & Portland half.

But some strong tackling, solid defending and excellent work by the visitors at the breakdown ensured that they were able to preserve their lead.

However, it was the Seasiders who scored again when winning the ball against the head, some quick thinking by scrum half Nathan Calton led to the ball being fed out to winger Ben Tracey, who weaved through the home defence and claim his third try of the season.

Read then crossed the whitewash to claim his third with Bennett converting. They will play Sherborne in the final at North Dorset RFC on March 8th.

## Weymouth Basketball

# Tropics still to taste defeat

**Solent Kestrels U15s 35**

**Weymouth College Tropics U16 65**

THERE was a slow start from Weymouth in their Solent Junior League match with Kestrels they struggled to convert their layups, allowing their opponents in to stay within ten points.

After the initial jitters it was back to form as Max Gilmartin found Eric Robertshaw on multiple occasions to give the Tropics a comfortable lead.

The second half opened up even more for the Dorset side as Dan Hampson joined Robertshaw and they dominated the rebounds to put their side well ahead to close the game.

**Winchester 30**

**Weymouth College Tropics U16 90**

WEYMOUTH faced a tricky opponent in Winchester who previous had tested the side with a 6'5" centre in the middle.

Fortunately they were without him this time and Weymouth was more than will-

ing to expose this from the opening tip. Gilmartin pushed the tempo towards a cutting Jerry Thompson while Ewan Goodwin and Luke Strong lead a surging second unit to gain a 40 point lead for the half.

In the second half Tropics were able to rest their tested players but the game didn't drop as Rev Santos and Kim De Leon were relentless at driving to the hoop to secure an impressive 90-30 win. Coach Alex Fuhrmann said: "The scores reflect a very one-sided day for our team. However, we're still not satisfied until we have the league title in our hands."

"The expectations are being raised each game."

**ROSTER:** Jerry Thompson, Max Gilmartin, Luke Strong, Rory Legg, Dan Hampson, Eric Robertshaw, Ewan Goodwin, Rev Santos, Kim De Leon, Matt Williams-Davey

## Weymouth Table Tennis League

# Wyke A defeat is first big shock of the season

WEEK 13 was unlucky for Wyke A as they featured in the first real shock of the season by losing their 100 per cent record in DIVISION ONE.

Shipton Gorge A inflicted the defeat by grinding out a possibly highly significant victory in the race for the title. Despite the defeat Wyke still move to the top of the table but have played a game more than Land Registry.

Elsewhere in the division, Colliton X did their chances of a top half finish the world of good with a strong win over the high flying youngster's of Budmouth A. Colliton won eight of the nine singles matches with Tom Cherry's win over Raj Lehal, Budmouth's only win.

With Budmouth B and C not playing, Shipton Gorge B took advantage to close the gap in third place with a comprehensive 28-11 victory over

bottom side Preston C.

Preston B and Springfield B shared the opening four matches of their tie but four straight wins for the loss of only three sets put Preston in charge.

Preston A's 30-9 win over Colliton C proves the point that you cannot judge a match on the score alone. Seven of the matches went to four or more sets, and eight sets going past the normal 11 points required for a win.

In DIVISION THREE the students of All Saints made the trip to Shipton Gorge and came away with a solid 7-27 victory, whilst Pilgrims B claimed a close win over Wyke C. The match was finely balanced at 15-12 in Pilgrims' favour when Barry Thomas made the victory secure with a 3-0 win over Paul Robson-Rowell.

Steps remain on the hunt for their first win of the season after falling



◆ **PILGRIMS B:** Division Three side Pilgrims B (from left) Brian Hawker, Richard Ellerby and Alen Bailey pictured recently.

11-24 to Dorset Youth B. Jack Hoskins and Liam Lewis both picked up wins over Youth B's Mike Wood

but the experience of Richard Wood and Tom Lane saw Youth B over the

line.

◆ All fixtures and results can be found at <http://www.ttleague.co.uk/default.aspx>

## Dorchester & District Snooker

RECENT results and tables as at February 15th:  
Brid Con Club WDC A 5 WDC YMFMDT 4, WDC Whipping Boys 3 Colliton Hopefuls 5, Colliton XQ 2014 4Brid Con Club WDC A 3, Trinity M 6 Trinity Express 2, Purbeck Potters 5 WDC YMFMDT 2, Trinity Gooduns 4 Colliton XQ 2014 3.

**30+ Breaks:** G Haddow 64; E Wellman 54, 32; C Haskell 42; G Bartlett 32.  
**Top Break of the Season:** G Bartlett 68.

Week 14	Pld	Pts
Trinity M	13	60
Bridport Con Club	12	56
WDC YMFMDT	13	47
Colliton XQ2014	13	46
Trinity Express	12	43
Trinity Gooduns	10	40
Colliton Hopefuls	12	37
Purbeck Potters	10	31
Whipping Boys	11	19

**Team Handicap Knock-out Cup Semi-Finals:**  
WDC Whipping Boys 1 Purbeck Potters 4, Colliton Club, Trinity M 4 Trinity Express 1.

**Team Open Knockout Cup - Semi-Finals:**  
Trinity Gooduns 1 Trinity M 4.  
Brid Con Club WDC A v Trinity Express - Match cancelled. Now being played on Monday (February 16th).  
**Cup Final:** Trinity M v Brid Con Club WDC A or Trinity Express. The date for the final is Monday, March 9th @ Colliton Club @ 7pm.

**Rearranged matches:**  
Purbeck Potters v WDC Whipping Boys - Monday February 23rd, Trinity Express v Trinity Gooduns - Thursday February 26th, Trinity Gooduns v Brid. Con Club WDC A - Thursday, March 12th, Trinity Gooduns v Purbeck Potters - being rearranged by team captains.



Channel Div 1	Pld	Pts
41 Yeovil & Sher 2nd	16	41
BEAMINSTER	16	28
Bournemouth 3rd	15	25
Salisbury 3rd	14	19
B & SN 2nd	16	19
Salisbury 4th	16	19
Yeovil & Sher 3rd	15	13
Gillingham 2nd	14	9

D' Wood Div 1	Pld	Pts
Tavistock	17	48
W Dorset A	17	34
Sidmth & Ott A	17	28
WEST DORSET	17	27
Camborne SoM	17	24
Bude	17	23
Plymouth Uni A	17	20
USHC Plymouth	17	20
PGSOB A	17	18
East Devon A	16	15
OPM A	17	14
Truro B	16	8

SE 2 Div	Pld	Pts
Bridgwater B	14	36
W Dorset A	13	31
North Devon A	14	29
Ashmoor A	14	26
Bridgwater C	14	21
Sidmth & Ott C	14	21
Chard A	14	19
Minhead B	14	6
Taunton Vale D	13	5
Sidmth & Ott D	13	4

## Lyme Regis Skittles

### February Cup Fixtures

**Tonight Wednesday.**  
**Men's Pairs**  
**ROCK POINT**  
 K Bearpark & J Rickard,  
 J Parsons & T Tozer,  
 P Griniter & L Dare,  
 M Williams & A Aldworth,  
 N Chapman & C Marchant,  
 M Croad & R Bevis,  
 P Rattenbury & P Liston,  
 A Critchard & C Wrixon.

### GEORGE

P Hodder & L Hodder,  
 M Denning & J Bennett,  
 T Edwards & S Flux,  
 A Churchill & D Welsh,  
 R Bovill & S Smith,  
 P Bright & R Chapple,  
 R Tucker & K Pratt,  
 P Kirkman & J Stamp.

**Friday, February 20th**  
**Men's Cornish Cup**  
 Marksmen v Flyers  
 Anthill Mob v Trappers  
 Skippy's Six v Roadrunners  
 Wreckers v No Hoppers

## Lyme Regis Cribbage

**Results:** Talbot Arms 2  
 Royal Oak 3, New Inn Kiln  
 3 Cloakham Lawns 2,  
 Stepps 3 Gerrard Arms 2,  
 Beer Club 2 Lamb Swans 3,  
 Ship Inn LR 4 Old Inn Kiln  
 1, Nags Head 1 Ax Con Club  
 4.

**Beer League:** Talbot Arms 2  
 Royal Oak 1, New Inn Kiln  
 2 Cloakham Lawns 1,  
 Stepps 0 Gerrard Arms 3,  
 Beer Club 1 Lamb Swans 2,  
 Ship Inn 0 Old Inn Kiln 3,  
 Nags Head 1 Ax Con Club 2.

**Fixtures (Feb 23rd):**  
 Losers Cup Final - Lamb  
 Swans v Ship Inn LR (at  
 Lamb Inn, 7.30pm start)

Table - week 19	Pld	Pts
New Inn Kilmington	19	60
Beer Club	19	54
Axminster Con Club	19	51
Lamb Swans	19	50
Ship Inn LR	19	50
Nags Head LR	19	48
Royal Oak	19	48
Old Inn Kilmington	19	43
Gerrard Arms	19	42
Stepps	19	41
Talbot Arms	19	41
Cloakham Lawns	19	36

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Old Inn Kilmington	19	35
Ship Inn LR	19	33
Gerrard Arms	19	31
New Inn Kilmington	19	31
Nags Head LR	19	29
Lamb Swans	19	29
Stepps	19	28
Talbot Arms	19	28
Royal Oak	19	26
Axminster Con Club	19	25
Cloakham Lawns	19	25
Beer Club	19	20

## Hockey

# Smith injury mars fine Beaminster victory

**Beaminster 1 Bournemouth 3rds 0**  
 A WELL earned victory over Bournemouth 3rds was marred by a serious injury to Tracey Smith that saw the game delayed for half an hour.

The experienced defender was first off the line when the visitors were awarded a short corner 12 minutes into the game, but unfortunately the resulting shot ripped into a finger causing a serious injury which rules her out for the rest of the season.

Despite being shaken by the incident, the players resumed the match and within seven minutes Beaminster went ahead when a strong run and cross from Megan Tuck caused problems in the Bournemouth D. The ball was half cleared but then returned into the D and Bella Foot found space to turn it home.

Bournemouth contained a number of very experienced players in their side, and Beaminster needed to be on their mettle.

However, the home defence coped admirably and had the pace of a young, energetic forward line who could have increased their advantage on a few occasions had they moved the ball quicker or been a little less selfish at times.

Before the break for the injury, Beaminster had already had a shot from a short corner cleared off the line and missed an easy chance following a long

corner.

They continued to have the better of the rest of the first half with Tuck, Lydia Brookling, Foot and Toni Aplin breaching the visitors defence with some dynamic runs.

At the other end a reorganised defence were in superb form, with Player of the Match Jenny Clarke excelling, keeper Lisa Condliffe was only called on to make two excellent saves.

But Beaminster showed how much they have matured through the season and it has been noticeable how the younger players have grown in stature.

**Beaminster:** Lisa Condliffe, Jenny Clarke, Georgie Simmonds, Tracey Smith, Genna Bunker, Andrea Thomas, Julia May, Megan Tuck, Lydia Brookling, Bella Foot, Toni Aplin, Phoebe Stewart.

## Day to forget for Hawks

**PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY A 5  
WEST DORSET HAWKS 0**

ON their last trip to Plymouth this season, West Dorset suffered a unexpected 5-0 reverse at the hands of the young Uni team.

They started slowly which is traditional for West Dorset, and were soon worried by the energy shown by the young Plymouth University team whose average age probably half that of the Hawks experienced campaigners. Constantly under threat, and despite some good saves by keeper Tom Lowe

it was not long before they went 1-0 down.

Again the usual defence of Charlie Davis, Lee Connelly, Gavin Brookling and Julian May tried to keep out the waves of attack, but they couldn't prevent the hosts doubling their advantage, which was increased to three before the break as Plymouth demonstrated some great skills to complement their boundless energy.

Hawks improved after the interval, with the midfield of Jim Bowditch, captain Rick Dormor, Rick Steele, and Richard Puzey constructing some control in the middle of the field, and linking with the ever threatening forward pairing of Steve Mearring and Alex Davis.

However despite playing better hockey and forcing several short corners which they failed to convert, they conceded two more goals.

Dormer said: "It was really one of those games that we need to forget, as after having a good season and competing well in all our games this year, losing 5-0 was a bit of a shock."

"A special mention should go Rick Steele and Julian May for never giving up and doing some great tackles."

## West Dorset maintain pressure on leaders

**WEST DORSET A 8 SIDM'TH & OTTERY C 0**

FOLLOWING a two week layoff, West Dorset A returned to action at the weekend with a home match against Sidmouth & Ottery C to whom they had lost the corresponding away fixture earlier in the season 3-1 with a weakened side.

As a result they were keen to avenge this, and continue their promotion push.

From the off, the home side were immediately put on the back foot as Sidmouth forced a number of short corners, from one of which they scored, although it was disallowed as the shot was head high.

Lee Herrod in the West Dorset goal made a number of saves to keep the visitors out, and eventually after this frantic opening period the hosts began to ease their way into the game.

Sidmouth were playing two up front with the remainder of their team playing in more defensive positions, and as a result West Dorset were having more of the ball in their opponent's half.

The hosts took the lead through left wing Rich Wilson after ten minutes, and scored again a few minutes later, knocking in a Russell Coombes cross at the post.

Mike Thompson was creating havoc in the visiting defence and he scored twice with Coombes adding another following a neat passing move to give the side a 5-0 halftime lead.

Only minutes into the second half, John Dormer was rewarded for all his effort and running as he added a sixth following a goalmouth scramble.

Sidmouth were very reliant on the counter attack, and had a couple of good chances to reduce the arrears but were let down by wayward finishing.

They were also having little luck progressing down either flank with full backs Henry Middleton and Dan Wyatt playing a high line and stopping many of their attacks.

But it was West Dorset who were controlling the possession and always looked the more dangerous.

The rout was completed when Bob Dormer added two more to the total; his second being the pick of the afternoon's goals when he beat a couple of players on the byeline before flicking the ball past the keeper to make the final score 8-0.

Skipper Middleton said: "Following a shaky start, the result was never in doubt once we took the lead."

"We didn't pass the ball around as well as we can but we were very threatening in front of goal and our backline was very solid"

The win sees West Dorset move second on their own in South East 2 following North Devon A draw at Chard A.

They have a game in hand as well, as they also do over leaders Bridgwater B who have a five-point advantage.

## Rugby

# Good weekend for Bridport Juniors

**Bridport Colts 26 Weymouth 0**  
 WITH injuries mounting Weymouth conceded before the final whistle to hand the victory and bonus point to Bridport.

After a slow start, the hosts were camped for much of the first half absorbing pressure inside their own 22. But despite giving their all, Weymouth couldn't break through and it culminated in a failed up and under that Bridport gathered and ran back to score under the posts.  
 The second half proved fitness is vital; Bridport ran in three more tries in, two of which were converted to lead 26-0. Weymouth were now suffering injuries from exhaustion and not committing to the contact, and the game was stopped and forfeited with a win to Bridport, and a bonus point awarded.

**Bridport U12 v Weymouth**

After a convincing win away to Weymouth two weeks prior, the Blues were looking to defend their home advantage. With a early tries from forward Ryan Phillips and Lewis Ali it took like a repeat performance, but this was soon to change.

With uncontested scrums the advantage of the strong blues pack was neutralised and Weymouth hit back to win the breakdown and set up attacks through their strong centre partnership. This pressure saw the Blues head in at half time losing by two tries to three. It took a great individual effort from Oliver Wills to hit back and score two quick tries that turned the momentum Bridport's way. This was then added to by a driven maul that allowed Toby Every to score on the try line.

With Weymouth scoring two more the match was always in the balance, but a final try from Finnlay Shoemark saw

Bridport manage to hold on for a win.

**Bridport U11 v Weymouth**  
 POSSIBLY inspired by England's performance against Italy, the first 20 minutes of the game were full of drive and flair.

Initially both sides traded tries, Bridport opener from Toby Gale was matched by Weymouth, before James Clatworthy scored in the corner, only for Weymouth to brush off tackles to equalise.

But at half time the picture changed. Bridport began to fire the ball wide to the pace merchants and good handling put Oliver Hansford-Harvey over for two stunning tries.

Weymouth pulled one back, but captain George Found capped a memorable game by driving ten metres to ground the ball and win the game five tries to three.

## Oil loss causes retirement



◆ **LOCAL rally duo Rex Ireland Adrian Scadding were hoping to make the same kind of start to the 2015 season as last year when they won the opening round of the BRDTA Rally on Saturday in the Wydean Forest Rally. However, having won both the opening stages of the eight on the day, they lost oil pressure at the finish of stage 2 in their 1977 Ford Escort and decided to retire to save the engine. The next round is the Malcolm Wilson at Morecombe on March 7th.**  
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## West Bay Sea Angling Club

# Smith's ray wins prestigious Castle Trophy

### Angling Trust Wyvern Division Castle Trophy

THIS year's Wyvern Division presentation took place on January 31st in Exeter.

And, for the first time in the club's history, the overall winner of the Castle Trophy for the best overall specimen of the year from shore or boat, was won by West Bay SAC's Derek Smith with a shore caught blonde ray of 16lb 8oz, 206 per cent specimen.

Fourteen clubs signed up for the trophy raising £140 for the winner's chosen charity for which Derek chose the Lyme Regis RNLI station.

Other club members to

win an award on the night were Frances Kitchen, senior shore fish of the month for July, and Charlie Lawson, runner-up junior boat fish of the month for September.

Several other members were also awarded certificates for Wyvern records broke during the year.

### Andy Neal Rover February 7th

THE Chesil has now all but switched off; most of the fish caught came from piers, harbours and rock marks.

**RESULT - 1st:** Tom Marley 2870g, 2nd: Lea Windsor 1680g, 3rd: Craig Horton 1505g, Heaviest fish (above bags removed): Steve Fowles

pollack 350g. Most species (equal first): Ollie Mears (4) whiting, pouting, five-bearded and shore, rockling.

### Daytime (1pm - 6pm)

**West Bexington 1st Feb**  
 LAST year's daytime champ and runner up went head-to-head on the first daytime match of the year with Ollie Mears beating Adam Cullingford by just 535g, although Adam had the best fish of the day - a nice codling of 1555g.

**RESULT - 1st:** Ollie Mears 6775g, 2nd: Adam Cullingford 6240g, 3rd: PJ Wheeler 4095g, Most species: Simon Bowditch (3) dogfish, whiting and poor cod.



◆ **DEREK'S RAY OF SUNSHINE:** Derek Smith (centre) with club president Dave Cornick (right) handing the cheque to chairman of the Bridport branch RNLI Martin Newbury.



# Bridport Skittles

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday, February 23rd:  
**Mens Pairs – R3**  
Monday, February 23rd  
**WEST DORSET CLUB:** L Dare & C Barnes; L Slocombe & D Horton; R Paulley & J Smith; S White & C Wright; N Gurd & M Huxley; A Poulley & R Frampton; N Pye & A Huxter; J Cook & M Symonds.  
Friday, February 27th  
**BRIDPORT FOOTBALL CLUB:** D Cooper & R Pincombe; C Willcox & N Willcox; S Pitcher & A Cauldwell; H Rathbone & S Welsford; C Langdon & P Scott; D Langridge & J Peach; D Cowburn & G Hyett; M Horton & I Pincombe.

**Ladies Threes – R2**  
Tuesday, February 24th  
**BRADPOLE CLUB:** Junior Talent; Yondover Threes; Brandy Snaps; 3 Horse-shoes.  
Wednesday February 25th  
**ILCHESTER:** Alleycats; 3H's; Middle Talent; Nuts & Raisons.

# Bridport Cribbage

Table	Pd	F	A	BL
George Inn	17	138	117	27
Darbyfield	17	136	119	21
Quarterdeck B	16	130	110	28
King Charles	15	116	109	24
Crown Inn B	17	134	121	23
Quarterdeck A	17	121	134	26
Ilchester Arms	16	113	127	25
Oddfellows	16	118	122	32
Anchor Inn	17	114	141	18
Crown Inn A	16	109	131	22

# Lyme Golf

## Doc has all the answers

By Richard Jackman  
DESPITE the cold weather and temporary greens, the February Stableford went ahead as planned.  
Graham 'Doc' Paterson mastered the conditions the best to win with 40 points from John Yorke whose 39 points was good enough to beat Andrew Thomas on countback.  
The ladies enjoyed relatively good weather for their February Stableford and Felicity Poole took full advantage to win the Silver Division with 33 points from Di Smith with 32, who just beat Susan Moore on countback.  
Highest score of the day went to Kim Beauchamp who won the Bronze Division with 36 points, ahead of Felicity Horton 32 and Julia Coote 31.

# Lyme Darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	14	28
Nags Head A	13	23
Nags Z	12	17
Rockpoint	11	16
Janners	13	14
Four Play	13	11
Royal Standard	11	10
Talbot Arms	13	10
Hunters Lodge	10	7
George	11	4
Cobb Arms	10	4
Half an Octopus	13	0

**180s:** Terry Prowse x5, Mark Barrett x4, Wayne Doble x3, R.Cross x2, seven players x1.

# Bees news

# Bees still missing the rub of the green

**Cadbury Heath 4 Bridport 1**  
Toolstation Premier – att; 56  
TREVOR Senior usually doesn't moan too much about referees, but has found decisions in recent weeks difficult to fathom.  
Against Bitton it was the referee allowing an injured player to return to the pitch at the exact point of action whereby the Bitton player intercepted the ball and scored with a 40 yard chip.  
Against Willand Rovers Sean Stewart was sent off for a second bookable offence after the ball was deliberately kicked at him as he was retreating from a free kick. In both cases the decisions swayed the balance of the game with the opposition.

At Springfield on Saturday Senior was mystified that the referee, with no clear view of the incident, awarded a free kick to the hosts near the touchline right in front of his assistant who didn't flag.  
"The tackle happened right in front of the assistant and it looked like the ball had then gone out of play, but the referee - without a clear view - awarded them a free kick."  
At that point the game was finely balanced at 1-1 late in the first half, but when Matt Huxley whipped in the free kick and Bridport failed to clear, the ball struck the upright before Sacha Tong forced the ball over the line.  
Two minutes later, the Heathens scored again to give them a two-goal half-time cushion when Chris Senior's saving tackle saw the ball re-

bound to Tong who played in Huxley to smash past Ashley Weeks.  
"Although we felt the free kick was harsh, we gave away a sloppy goal by not dealing with it very well, and then we didn't get the bounce of the ball with the third one, at 1-1 we were still well in the game, and could have got something from it."  
After an even start, the Bees fell behind in the ninth minute when Nick Dyer picked the ball up wide left before cutting inside and firing home a shot off the far post.  
Bridport replied and an unmarked Shane Evans might have done better with a header from Jamie Filkins' corner, although he had to reach back to make contact.  
They did however level the scores on 19 minutes with a superb goal from Warren Byerley.  
Alan Hill went to ground having won a tackle, but managed to find the former Dorchester Town and Poole Town striker with a pass whilst on the turf, and Byerley cut back inside before hitting a 30 yard screamer that arrowed across Heathens keeper Mitch Norman into the top corner.  
Bridport might then have taken the lead if Filkins had moved the ball into the path of the unmarked Chris Clarke instead of trying a shot from 12 yards that was blocked.  
Then a three-man move saw Jamie Symes pull the ball back to Stewart but his sidefooted effort from 12 yards went over the top. Norman then saved from Evans' cross-cum shot.

Cadbury buoyed by the late first half goals came out with their tails up after the interval, and created a number of chances, and forcing Weeks into a couple of smart saves, before Bridport were once again denied the rub of the green over a penalty claim.  
Byerley shielding the ball from Joe Reeves was blatantly pushed over by the Heathens defender from behind near the penalty spot, but the referee despite a good view, ignored their pleas.  
Senior added: "It was a blatant penalty; their man was all over Warren and forced him to the ground from behind."  
"This was another decision that had we got it and scored from the spot might have got us back in the game."

Instead a fourth goal on 81 minutes saw Cadbury complete the scoring with Huxley heading home Tong's cross.  
Senior concluded by saying: "It's disappointing as for the third time recently we are not getting the decisions."  
"However it is also that often, as on Saturday, the referee is inconsistent in his judgements which frustrate the players as well."

**Bulman winner gives Bees lift**  
BRIDPORT RESERVES 3  
SHERBORNE RESERVES 2  
A LATE winner from Gary Bulman earned Bridport Reserves the three

points at St Mary's Field on Saturday, although they rode their luck at times.

The visitors hit the crossbar three times in the first 20 minutes leaving Bees boss Robin Townsend thankful to have the luck going his side's way after suffering some poor referring decisions in recent weeks.  
"We rode our luck in places, but it was good to have it go our way for a change."

**stand-in keeper**  
With no regular keeper available and coach Shaun Annetts scheduled to take his place between the sticks, regular defender Adam Stordy, who has played in goal for the first and reserves on occasions, offered to spare the experienced veteran the ordeal, and he did a good job.  
Roger Cummings gave the Bees a first half lead with a fine volley from the edge of the box, before Stordy was called upon to face a penalty in the second half.  
He pushed the initial shot on to the crossbar, but was powerless to stop Raith Plant heading home the rebound.  
First teamer Tom Richardson, recovering from injury was given a run in the reserves to build his fitness, and he put Bridport back in front with a header, but Sherborne responded with an equaliser from Chay Tulley.  
It looked like both sides would have to settle for a point when visiting keeper James Smith could only parry Dan Peart's effort and Bulman was on hand to follow up and score what proved the winner.

# Bridport & District Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
BSC	15	26
Knapp Inn	16	22
Robb Robbers	16	19
Nomads	15	19
Outsiders	16	17
Hands of Time	15	15
Nags Head A	16	14
Rubber Johns	15	13
It's in the Middle	15	12
The Hitmen	15	10
One for the Vikings	16	3
<b>180s leaders:</b> Tony Young x8, Terry Prowse x5, seven players all x4, six players x3.		

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Young Darters	14	23
Dat Team	14	20
Elders	14	19
Odds or Us	14	19
Les Miserables	14	17
Poachers	13	13
Royal Hawks	13	9
Anchor Vale Viewers	14	8
Flashes Fives	14	6
The Surgeons	14	4
<b>180s leaders:</b> Andy Reid & PRowley both x4, Robin Townsend x3, Len Challis, Mike Savage & Simon Warry all x2, six players x1.		

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Otter Rotters	15	21
Midnight Runners	15	19
Time Bombs	14	17
Intebetweens	13	16
Mis Fit	14	16
Anchor Five	13	15
Only Just	15	10
The Royal Nuts	14	9
Odds & Sods	13	8
Tip Top Odds	12	7
<b>180s leaders:</b> Chris Eaton & Paul Bearpark both x3, Andre Reynolds x2, seven players x1.		

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Robbie's Rebels	14	20
No Direction	14	19
Dodgers	14	18
Tiger Bees	13	18
Whamo	15	17
Sorted Odds	15	17
Con Artists	13	11
Red Arrows	15	8
Mozzies Heroes	15	7
Money Shotz Mafia	14	7
<b>180s leaders:</b> Billy Hallett, Paul Norman, J.Hunter, Dan Rawlings, Bob Rendell & Andy Page (all x1).		

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Tender Trap	19	35
Anchor Aces	19	27
Clocking In	19	26
Knight 'n' Gals	19	22
Against the Odds	18	16
Queen Bees	18	14
Cliff Hangers	19	6
Queensies of the Club	19	4
<b>180s:</b> Sarah Chick x3, Janet Collins & Tina Dawe both x2, Sharon Poole, Liz Vowells & Sue Violet all x1.		

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
Sue's Rebels	17	26
Castaways	17	25
Tracey's Tarts	17	24
Next Door	16	18
Wildcats	17	16
Good Mates	17	14
Anchors Aweigh	16	12
Tiger Stripes	16	10
Charlie's Angels	17	5
<b>180s leaders:</b> L.Sweet x1		

# Fourth Preliminaries Gala another success

CHARD & District Swimming Club held their fourth Preliminaries Gala last weekend at The Flamingo Pool, Axminster.  
The Gala, mainly for 10-year-olds and under, is intended to give the club's newest and youngest swimmers a taster at competitive swimming at a fun and friendly event.  
The races were all one length only in each of the four strokes, and over 40 young swimmers took part, supported by parents and friends watching from pool-side.  
Congratulations go to three swimmers, Mia Porter, Catherine Webb and Lyndon Smith, who swam under 20 seconds for the first time in their 25m freestyle race and so achieved the club's Bronze Speed Badge for nine-year-olds and under.  
They join four other swimmers who so far this year have achieved club speed badges. Noah Payne and Esme Huntley also won Bronze badges at Club Gala 1 in January, and Millie Downes and

Oliver Lenthall who achieved the Silver badge for swimming 50m freestyle in under 36 seconds.  
All those taking part received a club certificate confirming their times, which were presented at the end by club chairman Eric van den Barselaar to: Grace Lambert, Mia Huntley, Esme Huntley, Natasha Dower, Flo McConnell, Posy Doble, Kaitlyn Flannigan, Abbie Herbert, Catherine Webb, Mia Porter, Bella Young, Freya Rex, Maddie Veevers, Scarlett Coles, Lola Saxby, Sarah Cawley, Daisy Russell, Kaite Hampton-Rumbold, Nia McConnell, Bella Shrubbs, Alara Jenkin, Emilia Smith, Ava Farthing, Megan Lees, Delilah Hutter, Holly Cleverly, Ollie Parry Leyshon, Freddie Coles, Jevan Hampton-Rumbold, Ben Webb, Joe Shrubbs, Niall Beauchamp, Lyndon Smith, Joseph Swan, Ruben Wild, Ferdy Parry Leyshon, Sam Hare, Harrison Larcombe, Finlay Downes, Sam Davies, Oscar Porter and Oscar Farthing.

Time-keeping and marshalling was undertaken by several of the club's older swimmers who have, or will be are taking part in the ASA South West Young Volunteer Programme, so it was truly a 'team' effort.



◆ ANOTHER SUCCESS: Swimmers and officials who took part in the Preliminaries Gala

# Colfox fail in county championship bid

THE newly crowned West Dorset U13s indoor cricket champions from The Sir John Colfox School failed in their quest to win the county title after they were beaten in a four team round-robin competition at Christchurch.  
Colfox won the West Dorset Championships following a similar four team competition held at the Woodfroffe School two weeks earlier.  
**tough opponents**  
As a result of this the team travelled to the Dorset Cricket Centre, Christchurch to participate in the full county championship where they faced stiff competition against St Michaels School, Winton School

and Lytchett Minster School.  
In all three games the team worked extremely hard to get a result.  
However, asked to chase on all three occasions their batting came up short of the mark, and they finished fourth.  
Despite this, it was a fantastic achievement for the team, and special mention should go to skipper John Stewart who was one of the standout performers on the day with both bat and ball.  
Colfox team: John Stewart (capt), Henry Wyrill, Frankie Chant, Jack Parkman, Ethan Robertson, Josh Craven, Jordan Neill, Jamie Stewart, William Maltby.



◆ WEST DORSET CHAMPIONS: Some of the The Sir John Colfox School U13 squad celebrate winning the West Dorset title

# Bridport & WD Indoor Bowls

**Nationals success for Hewett and Legg**  
FRANCIS Hewett & Annie Legg are through to the last eight of the National Pairs after a 20-15 win over a duo from the Atherley Club.  
They now go to the finals that are played at Melton Mowbray over the Easter weekend.  
Pamela Daters & Margaret Clapp also made it through to the area finals play-off before going down to a pair led by English International Wendy Lines; a dropped five count on the first end proving the difference.  
Erica Sarson, Beryl Stork, Barbara Jenkins & Mike Craddock were the only winning rink in Bridport's four rink mixed friendly against the SEVERALLS (Crewkerne). A one count on the final end saw them home 17-16.  
Nova Varney, Pat Cowmeadow, Mel Hargett & Barry Mapson were 9-8 up after 13 ends, but were pipped at the post 12-14. Brian Parker, Peter Varney, Lyn Craddock & Brian Pratt lost 12-17 whilst Sylvia and Mike Fletcher, and Lyn & Peter Sandall also went down 14-23.



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## INSIDE: Dorchester & District Snooker League news

# Jermyn hails players character and commitment



♦ **VITAL GOALS:** Sam Lanahan scored in both the recent wins over Dunstable and Frome Town

DORCHESTER Town produced a remarkable turnaround by turning a 3-1 deficit into a 5-3 victory against Dunstable on Saturday.

It was their fourth win in six games since the arrival of player manager Mark Jermyn who praised his player's character in winning the game, but not with the way they started.

They were late arriving at Creasey Park and were a goal down after just two minutes. Although they soon equalised they were 3-1 down midway through the first half.

"Arriving late was a contributing factor, but we make no excuses for the way we started the game.

"Dunstable have some very good players and I think they had sussed out how we play and so were able to take the game to us, and we didn't respond quick enough."

Jermyn's tactical change just after saw them pull a goal back following the

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award of a penalty, and the hosts then had a man sent off before the break.

"We didn't make the greatest of starts but once we got a foothold in the game we were okay.

"People will say we had the man advantage, but often when you are a player short it can galvanise you and make you more determined not to be beaten.

"Having a man sent off definitely had an impact on the game, but they went on the defensive and consequently were harder to break down.

Commenting on his switch he said: "Changing our shape by pulling Nathan back and me going into midfield gave us a little bit more strength in defence and resilience in the middle and allowed us to switch the play a bit

quicker and get down the flanks.

"In the end, not only did we break them down, we took them apart, and we had so much control throughout the game, there was only one side who was going to win it.

"Although they were a man down, we still had a job to do and to pull four goals back and to score four goals after going 3-1 down is no mean feat."

Looking at the progress made since his arrival the county town boss said: "They haven't let me down on their performances so far, and they didn't on Saturday.

"It was never going to be easy. We are taking each game on its own and learning from it.

"From my personal point of view, my experience in management is limited although obviously I have played quite a lot of games

### Increased loyalty

He added: "The fact that in the last

month not only have we won games but also managed to retain players, despite interest from higher clubs, speaks volumes for the group of players we have and the commitment they show to the club."

Jermyn dismissed rumours that the club could be interested in bringing former Magpie Neil Martin back to The Avenue from Poole Town saying: "Unfortunately we do not at present have the budget to accommodate him, and to be fair to the lads at the club at the moment there is no reason for change.

"I couldn't be happier with the group we've got, and, bar one or two additions next season hopefully we will be able to retain a lot of the faces already here."

"Once we have got clear of the relegation zone hopefully we will be able to look at the other players at the club and see what game plan we can give them."

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